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AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

begun and held at the Capitol the third day of *Auguſt* in the firſt year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord *George* by the grace of God of *Great Britain France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the Faith &c *Annoq*$_3$ *Dni* 1715

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[*Auguſt* the 3^{d}, 1715.]

Preſent

THE Honble *Alexander Spotſwood* His Majeſtys Lieutenant Governor, *Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, Wm Cocke, Nathan^{ll} Harriſon, Mann Page & Robert Porteus* Eſqrs

William Cocke, Mann Page & Robert Porteus Eſq^{r} appointed by the Governor Commiſſion to adminiſter the Oaths enjoined by Law to the Burgeſſes returned to ſerve in this Aſſembly, Reported that they had accordingly adminiſtered the ſaid Oaths to fourtynine Members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes who are now mett in their Houſe

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes, & command their immediate attendance on the Governor in the Council Chamber

The Burgeſſes attending, The Governor ſpoke as follows

Gentlemen

The firſt ſtep to be proceeded in towards the buſineſs for which you are aſſembled is that you *Gent^{n} of the houſe of Burgeſſes* repair to y^{r} Houſe and make Choice of a Speaker—

A meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes to the Governor by Mr *Corbin* & others that the Houſe had made choice of a Speaker, & waited His Hon^{r} commands when to preſent him

Whereupon the Governor was pleaſed to appoint to morrow at 11 aclock in the Council chamber

And then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning ten aclock.

Thurſday Auguſt the 4th 1715

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Houſe of Burgeſſes (according to order) attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, and preſented *Daniel McCarty* of the County of *Weſtmorland* Gent as their Speaker, who being approved by the Governor, made the uſual Petitions for the ancient priviledges of the Burgeſſes of freedom for their perſons & Eſtates from arreſts & other diſturbances, that in all their debates they may have liberty of Speech, & as occaſion requires free acceſs to the Governors perſon, aſſuring his Hon^{r} that this Houſe of Burgeſſes will endeavour to merit the continuance of thoſe priviledges by behaving themſelves as become dutifull Subjects to his Majeſty, & diſcharging the great Truſt repoſed in them according to the Oaths they have now taken.

To

To which the Governor anſwered. *Gent*[n] "I have no intention to invade any of your priviledges, and you may depend that all the juſt Rights & priviledges enjoyed by any former Houſe of Burgeſſes ſhal be conform'd & continued to this."

After which the Governor made the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council and Houſe of Burgeſſes

Nothing leſs than a very important . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1712-1726, pp. 121-123.]

And then the Burgeſſes returned to their Houſe

A petition of the Inhabitants of *Manicantown* praying that they may have Liberty to pay their publick & County Levys in Corne Wheat, flax or hemp

Read and Referred to y[e] conſideration of the H[s] of Burgeſſes

A petition of *James Adams* praying his uſual allowance as Interpreter to the *Pamunkey* Indians may be Levyed for him, Read &

Referred to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

And then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning ten aclock

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Friday Auguſt the 5th 1715

Preſent

THE ſame Council as yeſterday

The Council mett and

Adjourned till to morrow morning ten aclock

Saturday Auguſt the 6th 1715

Preſent

THE ſame as yeſterday

The Council mett and

Adjourned till *munday* morning 10 aclock

Munday Auguſt the 8th 1715

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, William Cocke, Nath[ll] *Harriſon, Robert Porteus* Eſq[rs]

The petition of *Sarah & Elizabeth Fenwick* the wives of *Robert & John Fenwick* of *South Carolina* praying that thirty one Slaves w[ch] they were obliged to bring from that Province in its preſent Calamitys may be exempted from the payment of the dutys here Read &

Referred to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

And then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 aclock

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Tueſday Auguſt the 9th 1715

preſent

AS YESTERDAY & *Mann Page* Eſq[r]

A petition of the Juſtices of *James City* County praying that the Capitol Square may be annexed to that County, and that Liberty be given for holding y[e] Courts of the ſ[d] County in the Capitol being Read

Ordered

That the ſ[d] petition be Referred to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Wedneſday

Wednesday August the 10th 1715

Present

THE Governor, *James Blair, John Smith, John Lewis, William Cocke, Mann Page, Robert Porteus* Esqrs

The House of Burgesses (according to the Governors appointment) attended the Governor in the Council Chamber and presented the following Address,

To the Honble Alexander Spotswood *His Majestys Lieutent Governor of* Virginia

The humble Adress of the House of Burgesses

May it please you Sir

We think ourselves obliged . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 131.]

To which the Governor made the following Answer,

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses*

I shall lay before you . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 132.]

Philip Ludwell & Nathaniel Harrison Esqrs Present

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry ye following Message from the Governor to the House of Burgesses.

Mr Speaker *& Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses*

In answer to that part . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 134.]

A message from the House of Burgesses to the Council by Mr *Goodrich* & others who brought a Resolve of that House upon the Petition of *Sarah & Elizabeth Fenwick* of *South Carolina*, to which they desire the concurrence of the Council.

And the said Resolve being read

Resolved nemine contradicente

That no duty be demanded from either of the Petitioners for the importation of any of the Thirtyone negros or Slaves belonging to the Petrs untill such time as it shal appear that the Petitioners or one of them do design to settle or continue in this Colony or by sale to dispose of any of the said slaves.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the following Message from the Governor to the House of Burgesses

Mr Speaker *& Gentn of the House of Burgesses*

In answer to a verbal Message . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 132.]

And then the Council adjourn'd till to morrow morning ten aclock

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Thursday August the 11th 1715

Present

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, Nathaniel Harrison, Mann Page & Robert Porteus Esqrs

The Council mett and having no business before them

Adjourned till to morrow morning 10 aclock

Friday August the 12th 1715

Present

AS YESTERDAY & Mr Secretary *Cocke*

Resolved

That a Bill be brought in for remedying certain inconveniencys in the act passed in the 12th year of her late Majestys Reign Entituled *An act for preventing frauds in Tobacco payments and for the better improving the Staple of Tobacco.*

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genll Assembly carry the following message from the Council to the House of Burgesses

Mr

Mr Speaker *& Gentn of the Houſe of Burgs*

The Council taking into conſideration . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 135.]

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the following Meſſage from the Governor to the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

According to your deſire . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 136.]

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Saturday Auguſt the 13th 1715

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A petition of *Charles Kimball* praying for Allowance of his Sallary as Interpreter to the *Saponie* Indians for two years paſt Read and

Referr'd to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

And then the Council Adjourn'd till *Munday* morning 10 aclock

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Munday Augr the 15th 1715

Preſent

ROBT CARTER, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Jno Smith, Wm Cocke, Robt Porteus Eſqrs

The Council mett and Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Tueſday Auguſt the 16th 1715

Preſent

THE Governor, *Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, William Cocke, Mann Page, Robert Porteus* Eſqrs

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by mr *Robinſon* and others who brought a Reſolve of the Burgeſſes Relating to the Slaves imported from *So Carolina*, during the preſent Calamity of that Province, to which they deſire the Council's concurrence.

And the ſd Reſolve being read was agreed to by the Council and is as follows.

Reſolved and accordingly Ordered

That all Slaves Imported into this Colony from *South Carolina* during the preſent Calamitys of that Province be exempted from the payment of the Dutys of five pounds and ſix pence ℔ head, unleſs the ſd Slaves after their Importation be expoſed to Sale or be Continued & Settled in this Government

And the Governor was pleaſed to ſign his Aſſent thereto.

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Governor by mr *Armiſtead* & others that the Council and themſelves had paſſed a Reſolve for exempting the Slaves imported from *So Carolina* by Mris *Sarah & Elizabeth Fenwick* from the payment of the Dutys of five pounds & ſix pence ℔ head, to which they deſired the Governor's Aſſent

Whereupon the Governor Signed his Aſſent to the ſaid Reſolve.

A bill (according to Order of *Friday* laſt) prepared for remedying certain Inconveniencys in an act made in the twelfth year of Her late Majeſty's Reign Entituled *An Act for preventing frauds in tobacco payments and for the better improving the Staple of tobacco.*

And the ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time and

Ordered a ſecond Reading

And then the Council adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Wedneſday

Wednesday August the 17th 1715

Present

AS YESTERDAY except Coll° *Lewis*

The Council mett and

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Thursday August ye 18th 1715

present

AS YESTERDAY

A bill Entituled *An Act for remedying certain Inconveniencys in An Act made in the twelfth year of Her late Majesty's Reign Entituled* An Act for preventing frauds in tobacco payments and for the better improving the staple of tobacco. Read the second time and

Committed for Amendments

Present The Governor

A message from the Burgesses to the Governor by Coll° *Corbin* and others who brought the following Address

*To the Hon*ble Alexander Spotswood *His Matys Lieuten*t *Governor of* Virginia

The Humble Address of the House of Burgesses

*May it please Your Hon*r

We His Majestys most dutifull . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 142, 143.]

And the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Friday August the 19th 1715

Present

AS YESTERDAY & Coll° *Lewis*

A message from the Burgesses to the Council by mr *Clayton* and others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act to repeal certain Acts and Clauses of An Act therein mentioned, and for making payments of publick Tobacco good & Convenient and for laying a duty on tobacco,* To which they desire the Council's concurrence

Present The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the following Message from the Governor to the House of Burgesses.

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses*

I am sorry to find . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 144, 145.]

The amendments to the Bill entituled *An Act to remedy certain Inconveniencys in An Act passed in the 12th year of Her late Majestys Reign Entituled* An Act for preventing frauds in tobacco payments and for the better improving the staple of Tobacco, being Read and agreed to

Ordered

That the said Bill be engrossed

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Saturday August the 20th 1715

present

AS YESTERDAY except Mr *Porteus.*

A bill sent up from the Burgesses Entituled *An Act to repeal certain Acts and Clauses of an Act therein mentioned, and for making payments of publick Tobacco good and convenient, and for laying a Duty on Tobacco,* Read the first time

And

And thereupon The Council taking into conſideration that the Tacking things of a different nature to a Money-Bill is an Encroachment on the priviledge of the Council. It is therefore

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be rejected

And then the Council Adjourned till *Munday* morning 10 aclock

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Munday Auguſt the 22d 1715

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, William Cocke, Nathaniel Harriſon, Robert Porteus Eſqrs

A bill Entituled *An Additional Act for remedying certain Inconveniencys in An Act made in the twelfth year of Her late Majeſty's Reign Entituled* An Act for preventing frauds in tobacco payments and for the better improving the Staple of Tobacco

Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council deſire their concurrence thereto

Robert Carter Eſqr Preſent

A meſſage to the Council by mr *Goodrich* and others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act to divide thoſe parts of the pariſhes of* Weſtover & Weyanoak, *wch ly on ye Southſide* James *River from thoſe parts of the pariſhes which ly on the Northſide the ſd River, and for uniting* Weſtover & Weyanoak *pariſhes on the Southſide* James *River to* Martin Brandon *pariſh in the County of* Prince George *and for making* Charles City *County one entire pariſh*, to which they deſire the concurrence of the Council

And the ſaid Bill was read the firſt time &

Ordered a ſecond Reading

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Tueſday Auguſt the 23d 1715

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY and Collo *Lewis Page*

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Corbin* & others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act to repeal An Act Entituled* An Act to prevent hoggs going at large in the County of *Middleſex* To which they deſire the Council's Concurrence.

And the ſaid Bill was read the firſt time and

Ordered a ſecond Reading

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Aſſembly carry the following Meſſage from the Council to the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

The Council having had under conſideration . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 148, 149.]

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Wedneſday

Wednesday August the 24th 1715

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A petition of Mr Secretary *Cocke* praying that the usual Allowance for issuing twenty Eight Writts for Election of Burgesses out of his Office may be Levyed for him &

A petition of mr *Chichly Corbin Thacker* praying that the usual Allowance for his Service may be Levyed for him,

Were severally Read, &

Referred to the consideration of the House of Burgesses

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Thursday August the 25th 1715

Present

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, William Cocke, Nathaniel Harrison, Mann Page & Robert Porteus Esqrs

A bill Entituled *An Act to repeal An Act Entituled* An Act to prevent hoggs going at large in the County of *Middlesex* Read the second time and

The Question being put that the Bill be read a third time

It passed in the Negative

A bill Entituled *An Act to divide those parts of the parishes of* Westover *and* Weyanoak *which ly on the South side of* James *River, from those parts of the fd parishes which ly on ye Northside the said River, and for uniting* Westover *&* Weyanoak *parishes on ye Southside* James *River to* Martin brandon *parish in the County of* Prince George *and for making* Charles City *County one entire parish.* Read the second time and

Ordered

That the said Bill be Committed for amendments to mr Commissary *Blair, Philip Ludwell & Nathanial Harrison* Esqrs

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 9 aclock

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Friday August the 26th 1715

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act to divide those parts of the parishes of* Westover *&* Weyanoak *which ly on the fo side of* James *River from those parts of the said parishes which ly on the north side the said River, and for uniting* Westover *&* Weyanoak *parishes on the South side* James *River to* Martin brandon *parish in the County of* Prince George, *and for making* Charles City *County one entire parish,* were Reported by the Members appointed to prepare the same

And being Read, Were agreed to, and

Ordered

That the Bill with the amendments be read a third time.

A message from the Burgesses to the Council by mr *Clayton* & others who brought the following Message in Writing

May it please your Honrs

The Burgesses having taken . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 149, 150.]

Ordered

That the said Message ly upon the table for further consideration

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Saturday

Saturday Auguſt the 27th 1715

Preſent

THE Governor, *Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, Wm Cocke, Nathll Harriſon, Mann Page & Robert Porteus* Eſqrs

A meſſage to the Governor from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* and others who brought the following Addreſs *viz*

To the Honble Alexander Spotſwood *His Majeſty's Lieutenant Governor of* Virginia

The Humble Addreſs of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

May it pleaſe Your Honour

We his Majeſtys moſt Dutifull . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 151, 152.]

To which the Governor anſwered

I know by what Malignant perſon . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 152.]

The Governor having received an Addreſs from the Houſe of Burgeſſes of the 22th inſtant in the words following

To the Honble Alexander Spotſwood *His Majeſty's Lieutenant Governor of* Virginia

The humble Addreſs of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Honred Sir

We, the Burgeſſes now aſſembled . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 147, 148.]

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Aſſembly carry the following Meſſage from the Governor to the Houſe of Burgeſſes in anſwer to the ſaid Addreſs

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

I underſtand by the queſtion . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 152, 153.]

And then the Council Adjourned till *Munday* morning 10 aclock

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Munday Auguſt the 29th 1715

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, William Cocke, Nathll Harriſon, Mann Page, Robert Porteus Eſqrs

The Council having no buſineſs before them

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Tueſday Auguſt the 30th 1715

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council having no buſineſs before them

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Wedneſday Auguſt the 31ſt 1715

preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A meſſage to the Council by mr *Merriwether* and others who brought the following Bills *viz* A bill Entituled *An Act to diſable perſons holding certain places of profit in this Colony from being Members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*, and a Bill Entituled *An Act for the frequent Meeting & calling Aſſemblys*, to which they deſire the Council's concurrence

And the ſaid Bills were read the firſt time and

Ordered a ſecond Reading

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Thurſday

Thurſday September the 1ſt 1715

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, Mann Page, Robert Porteus Eſqrs

A bill Entituled *An Act for the frequent Meeting & calling of Aſſemblys* read the ſecond time, and

Committed for Amendments

A bill Entituled *An Act for diſabling perſons holding certain places of profite in this Colony from being Members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*, Read the ſecond time, and

The Queſtion being put, That the Bill be read a third time

It paſſed in the Negative.

And then the Council Adjourn'd for an hour

AND being mett again

A meſſage from the from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Clayton* and others that the Burgeſſes had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act to explain An Act Entituled* An Act declaring what ſhall be accounted a ſufficient ſeating, planting, Cultivating & improvement of Lands already granted, or hereafter to be taken up & patented, alſo a Bill Entd *An Act for ye Encouragement of ſuch perſons as have gone & ſhall go voluntarily into ye ſervice of* So Carolina; to which they deſire the Council's concurrence

And the ſaid Bill was read the firſt time and

Ordered a ſecond Reading

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by mr *Marable* and others who brought the book of Claims paſſed the Houſe of Burgeſſes, to which they deſire the Council's concurrence

A bill Entituled *An Act for the frequent Meeting and calling Aſſemblys*

Read the third time with the amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genll Aſſembly carry the ſd Bill to the Burgeſſes, and acquaint them that the Council have paſs'd the ſame with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the concurrence of that Houſe.

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Friday September 2d 1715

preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, Robert Porteus Eſqrs

A bill Entituled *An Act for Encouragement of ſuch perſons as have gone and ſhall go voluntarily into the ſervice of* South Carolina Read the ſecond time and

Committed for Amendments

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by mr *Clayton* & others That upon conſideration of their Honr's Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the frequent Meeting & calling of Aſſemblys*. They had agreed to ſome of the ſaid amendments, and to others had diſagreed, and deſire the Council to paſs the Bill without thoſe amendmts to which their Houſe have diſagreed.

Then the Amendments diſagreed to, being Read

Reſolved

That the Council do adhere to all their Amendments to the ſd Bill

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genll Aſſembly return the ſaid Bill to the Burgs and acquaint them that the Council adhere to all their Amendments thereto.

A meſſage to the Council from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* & others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act for ſettling a publick Ferry over* Pamunky *River in the County of* King William, and a Bill Entilد *An Act requiring the Veſtry of the pariſh of* Henrico *to build a Chappell in the ſd pariſh,* To which they deſire the Council's concurrence.

And the ſaid Bills were Read the firſt time, and

Ordered a ſecond Reading

The Book of Claims being read over, Severall Amendments were agreed upon to be made therein, and

Ordered

That a meſſage be prepared to be ſent to the Burgeſſes, together with the ſd Book.

A petition of *Miles Cary* Clerk of the Committee of publick Claims praying that his Allowance may be advanced equal to that of the Clerk of the Committee of propoſitions and Grievances Read &

Referred to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Then the Council Adjourn'd for an hour

AND being mett

A bill Entituled *An Act for Encouragement of ſuch perſons as have gone and ſhal go voluntarily into the Service of* South Carolina

Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill with the amendments do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Aſſembly carry the ſd Bill to the Burgeſſes & acquaint them that the Council have paſs'd the ſame with ſeveral Amendments to which they deſire the concurrence of that Houſe.

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning nine aclock.

Saturday September the 3d 1715

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A meſſage to the Council by Mr *Marable* and others who brought a Reſolve of the Houſe of Burgeſſes for payment of the Money Allowances in the Book of Claims to which they deſire the Council's concurrence.

And the ſaid Reſolve was read and agreed to, and is as follows

Reſolved and accordingly Ordered

That the ſeverall perſons to whom money Allowances are made in the Book of Claims be paid their ſeverall and reſpective Allowances out of the moneys ariſing by the Dutys on Liquors & ſlaves next after the moneys already appropriated and ordered to be paid out of the moneys ariſing by the ſd Dutys are fully ſatisfied & paid, and that the ſd payments be made in the order they ſtand in the ſaid Book of Claims.

A bill Entituled *An Act for ſettling a publick ferry over* Pamunky *River in the County of* King William read the ſecond time, and

Ordered

That the Owners of the Lands where the publick ferry is propoſed on *Pamunky* River, or the Guardians of ſuch of them as are under Age be heard before the ſd Bill be read a third time And that Notice be given thereof accordingly.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the following Meſſage from the Council to the Houſe of Burgeſſes in relation to the Book of Claims together with the ſd Book

Mr

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

The Council having now . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 161.]

A meſſage to the Council by mr *Clayton* and others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act to oblige the* Virginia *Indian Company to defray the charge of their Trade, and all other charges ariſing by means thereof* to which they deſire the Council's concurrence.

And the ſaid Bill was read the firſt time and

The Queſtion being put that the Bill be read a ſecond time

It paſſed in the Negative

Preſent The Governor

The Governor ſigned his Aſſent to the Reſolve for payment of the Money Allowances in the preſent book of claims

And then the Council Adjourned till *Munday* morning 10 aclock

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Munday Septr the 5th 1715

preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, William Cocke Eſqrs

The Council mett & Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Tueſday Septemr 6th 1715

preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Jno Smith, Jno Lewis, Wm Cocke, Mann Page Eſqrs

A bill Entild *An Act to explain An Act Entd* An Act declaring what ſhall be accounted a ſufficient Seating planting Cultivating and improving of Lands already granted, or hereafter to be taken up & patented.

Read the 2d time; and the Queſtion being put that the bill be read a third time

It paſſed in the Negative

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Marable* and others who brought the following Anſwer to the Council's Meſſage concerning the Book of Claims

May it pleaſe yr Honours

Upon conſidering Yr Honr's Meſſage . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 162.]

And accordingly The Council having entered in the Book of Claims the Amendments agreed on The ſame was paſſed by the Council

Preſent The Governor

The Governor was pleaſed to ſign his Aſſent to the Book of Public Claims and

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Book to the Burgeſſes, & acquaint them that the Council have paſſed the ſame as amended, and that the Governor has ſigned his Aſſent

Preſent *Robert Porteus* Eſqr

A bill Entituled *An Act requiring the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Henrico *to build a Chappell in the ſaid pariſh* Read the 2d time, and

Ordered a 3d Reading

Then the Council Adjourned during pleaſure

AND

AND being mett

A bill Entituled *An Act requiring the Vestry of the Parish of* Henrico *to build a Chappell in the said Parish* Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill do pass

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly return the said Bill to the Burgesses, and acquaint them that the Council have passed the same without any Amendment

And then ye Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Wednesday September the 7th 1715

Present

JAMES BLAIR, John Lewis, Wm Cocke, Mann Page, Robert Porteus Esqrs

The Council having taken into consideration the Resolve of the House of Burgs of the 2d instant.

Resolved

That a message be prepared thereupon to be sent to the House of Burgesses.

A motion being made that the Bill Entituled *An Act for settling a publick ferry over* Pamunky *River in the County of* King William be read a third time

It passed in the Negative

And then the Council Adjourned till 5 aclock Afternoon

Post Meridiem

Present

AS BEFORE

A message was brought from the House of Burgesses to the Council by mr *Boush* and others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act for ascertaining Secretary's, County Court Clerks, Sherifs, Coroners & Constables fees* to which they desire ye concurrence of the Council

A message to the Council from the House of Burgesses by mr *Marable* & others who brought ye book of Proportions and a Bill Entituled *An Act for raising a publick Levy* to wch they desire the Council's concurrence.

The Book of Proportions being read over was agreed unto by the Council.

A bill Entituled *An Act for raising a publick Levy* was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

Then the Council Adjourned during pleasure

AND being mett

A bill Entituled *An Act for Raising a publick Levy* was read the second time and

Ordered a third Reading

Then the Council Adjourned during pleasure

AND being mett again

A bill Entituled *An Act for raising a public Levy* was Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill do pass

Ordered

That ye Clerk of the Genll Assembly carry the sd bill to ye Burgs & acqt them yt ye Council have passed ye same wthout any Amendment

The

The Meſſage to the Houſe of Burgeſſes being prepared and approved

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Aſſembly carry the ſaid Meſſage to the Houſe of Burgeſſes which is in the words following

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

The Council having ſeen . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 164-166.]

Preſent The Governor

The Governor was pleaſed to ſign his Aſſent to the Book of Proportions of the Public Levy.

A meſſage to the Council by Mr *Jones* and others who brought the Inrolled Bills for their Honr's peruſal

Whereupon The Council having examined the ſaid Bills

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Aſſembly return the ſd Inrolled Bills to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council are ſatisfied they are truly inrolled

Preſent *Robert Carter* Eſqr

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and acquaint them that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance on him in the Council chamber and that they bring with them ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent

The Houſe of Burgeſſes accordingly attending preſented the following Bills, which were ſigned by the Governor and the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes *Viz*

An Act for Encouragement of ſuch perſons as have gone or ſhall go voluntarily into the Service of South Carolina

An Act requiring the Veſtry of the Pariſh of Henrico *to build a Chappell in the ſaid pariſh*, and

An Act for Raiſing a Publick Levy

And then the Governor made the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

It has been practized by former Aſſemblys . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 166-170.]

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

begun and held at the Capitol the Twenty third day of *April* 1718 in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* by the grace of God of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the faith &c.

[From the Public Record Office, *London*, Colonial Office, Clafs 5, Vol. 1416—pages of the volume not numbered.]

At a General Affembly begun and held at the Capitol the Twenty third day of *April* 1718 in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* by the grace of God of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the faith &c.

[*April* the 23d, 1718.]

Prefent

THE Honble *Alexander Spotfwood* His Majeftys Lievten^t Governor and Commander in Chief of *Virginia, Edmund Jenings, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, William Baffett, Nath^ll Harrifon, Mann Page* & *Edmund Berkeley* Efq^rs

John Smith, Wm Baffett and *Edmund Berkeley* Efq^rs having reported that purfuant to the Governors Commiffion to them directed They had adminiftred the Oaths to fourty three Burgeffes returnd to Serve in this Affembly

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go to the Houfe of Burgeffes, & command their immediate attendance on the Governor in the Council Chamber

The Burgeffes attending, The Governor Spoke to this effect

Gentlemen

I am well pleafed with the General Choice the Country has made of their prefent Reprefentatives. Before we proceed to any bufinefs Your Houfe muft have a Speaker, and I fhal leave it to yor Selves to choofe fuch a perfon as you think equal to that Truft.

And then the Burgeffes withdrew

A Meffage from the Burgeffes to the General [Affembly] by Mr *Corbin* & others That they had made Choice of a Speaker, and defired to know when & where they fhould attend his Hon^r to prefent him.

Whereupon the Governor anfwered that he appointed tomorrow at eleven in the forenoon in the Council Chamber.

And then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning ten aclock.

Thurfday April the 24th 1718

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go to the Houfe of Burgeffes and command their attendance on the Governor in the Council Chamber to prefent their Speaker

Accordingly the Burgeffes attending

Daniel McCarty of the County of *Weftmorland* Efq^r acquainted the Govr that in obedience to His Hon^rs commands laft night the Burgeffes had proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, That without regarding many more worthy Members of that Houfe They had thought fitt to call him to that high Truft, but that being fenfible of his own Inabilitys he humbly prayed his Hon^r would direct the Houfe to rectify their miftaken choice.

To which the Governor Anfwered, I very well approve of the Burgeffes Choice of you for their Speaker.

After

After which the Speaker made the uſual petitions That the Burgeſſes in their perſons, Servants and Eſtates may be free from Arreſts & other Diſturbances That in all their Conſultations, they may enjoy freedom of Speech, & as occaſion may require free Acceſs to the Governors perſon

And being anſwered by the Governor That he readily granted all the petitions The Governor made the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Aſſembly

Such is the happy State . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1712-1726, pp. 174-5.]

Then the Houſe of Burgeſſes withdrew

And the Council adjournd till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Friday April the 25th 1718

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council mett and Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Saturday April the 26th 1718

preſent

THE ſame as Yeſterday

The Councill mett & Adjourned till *Munday* morning 10 aclock

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Munday Aprill the 28th 1718.

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, *Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, Mann Page & Edmund Berkeley* Eſqrs

The Council mett & Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 10 aclock

Tueſday Aprill the 29th 1718

preſent

AS BEFORE

Severall Propoſitions and Grievances from the Countys of *Prince George, Charles City, James City, New Kent, King William King* and *Queen, & Northampton*, were read &

Referrd to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

A petition of *James Adams* Interpreter to the *Pamunkey & Chicahominy* Indians, and

A petition of *Henry Briggs* Interpreter to the *Nottoway & Maherine* Indians, praying their uſual Allowances, Were read, and

Referr'd to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Wedneſday Aprill the 30th 1718

Preſent

[Names of members preſent omitted.]

THE Propoſitions and Grievances of the County of *Accomack* Read & Referred to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Thurſday

Thurſday May the 1ſt 1718.

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, *Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, William Baſſett, Nathaniell Harriſon, William Cocke, Mann Page, & Edmund Berkeley* Eſqrs

The Councill mett and Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Friday May the 2d 1718.

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY except *Wm Cocke* Eſqr

A petition of Mr Secretary *Cocke* for Allowance for iſſuing Writts and

A petition of *Chicheley Corbin Thacker* for his uſual Allowance as Clerk of the Secretary's Office, Were Read, &

Referr'd to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Saturday May the 3d 1718

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, *Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, William Baſſett, Nathaniel Harriſon & Mann Page* Eſqrs

The Council mett & Adjourned till *Munday* morning 10 aclock

Munday May the 5th 1718.

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, *James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith* Eſqrs

The Council mett and Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Tueſday May the 6th 1718.

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, *James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, Nathaniell Harriſon* Eſqrs

A Memorial of *John Tullitt* with the papers referr'd therein, relating to the Setting up an Iron Work in this Colony, Read and

Referrd to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

And then the Council Adjournd till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Wedneſday May the 7th 1718.

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, *James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, Nathaniel Harriſon* Eſqrs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly (by conſent of the Governour) carry the following meſſage from the Council to the Houſe of Burgeſſes together with the petition of *Moſes Price*

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

The Governour and Council . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 187.]

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Thurſday

Thurſday May the 8th 1718

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, *James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, William Cocke, Nathaniell Harriſon* Eſqrs

The Councill mett and having no buſineſs before them

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Friday May the 9th 1718

preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Harriſon* & others who brought the Treaſurer's Accompts paſs'd by their Houſe, to which they deſire the Council's concurrence

Ordered

That the ſaid Accompts ly upon the Table for the peruſal of the Council

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Saturday May the 10th 1718

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, *James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, William Cocke, Nathaniel Harriſon* Eſqrs

The Council mett & Adjourned till *Munday* morning 10 aclock

Munday May the 12th 1718,

Preſent

THE Honble the Lievtenant Governour, *Edmund Jenings, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, William Baſſett, William Cocke, Edmund Berkeley* Eſqrs

A Propoſition from Sundry Inhabitants of *New Kent* County praying that publick & County Levys, and ſmall debts and Contracts may be diſcharged at publick Storehouſes, And that all Officer's fees may be aſcertained Read &

Referr'd to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

The Council having peruſed and paſs'd the Treaſurers Accompts

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſame to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them therewith

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Tueſday May the 13th 1718

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, *Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, William Baſſett, William Cocke, Mann Page, Edmund Berkeley* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Corbin* & others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act for ſettling the fees of the Secretary, County Court Clerks, Sherifs, Coroner & Conſtables, and for aſcertaining the ffees of Attorneys to be allowed in a Bill of Coſts, as alſo declaring the power of the Secretary in appointing County Court Clerks:* to which they deſire the Councils concurrence.

And the ſaid Bill was read the firſt time and Ordered a ſecond Reading

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Wedneſday

Wednesday May the 14th 1718

Present

THE Governour, And the same Council as Yesterday

A Claim of *John Hughes* for sundry Services was Read and Referr'd to the consideration of the House of Burgesses and

Ordered

That a Message be prepared to be sent therewith

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Thursday May the 15th 1718

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A message to the Council by Mr *Goodrich* & others who brought a bill Entituled *An Act to divide those parts of the parishes of* Westover *&* Weyanoak *which ly on the South side* James *River from those parts of the* f^d *parishes which ly on the North side the said River, and for uniting* Westover *&* Weyanoak *parishes on the South side* James *River to* Martin Brandon *parish in the County of* Prince George, *and for making* Charles City *one entire parish*, to which they desire the Councils concurrence

And the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a Second Reading

A Bill Entituled *An Act for settling the fees of the Secretary, County Court Clerks, Sherifs, Coroner, & Constables, and for ascertaining the fees of Attorneys to be allowed in a Bill of Costs As also declaring the power of the Secretary in appointing County Court Clerks* Read the Second time and

Committed for Amendments.

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Friday May the 16th 1718

present

AS BEFORE except *Edmd Jenings* Esqr

A message from the Burgesses to the Council by Mr *Corbin* & others who brought a bill Entituled *An Act for the better Securing the payment of Levys and for the punishment of lewd & idle people*, Also a Bill Entituled *An Act for preventing Abuses in the Post Office*, to which they desire the Councils Concurrence.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to divide those parts of the parishes of* Westover *&* Weyanoak *which ly on the South side* James *River from those parts of the said parishes which ly on the North side the* f^d *River, and for uniting* Westover *&* Weyanoak *parishes on the South side* James *River to* Martin Brandon *parish in the County of* Prince George, *and for making* Charles City *County one entire parish*, Read the second time &

Committed for Amendments

A Bill Entituled *An Act for settling the fees of the Secretary, County Court Clerks, Sherifs, Coroner & Constables, and for ascertaining the fees of Attorneys to be allowed in a Bill of Costs, and also declaring the power of the Secretary in appointing County Court Clerks.*

Read the third time with the Amendments

Resolved that the Bill with the Amendments do pass

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Assembly carry the f^d Bill to the Burgesses and acquaint them that the Council have passed the same with severall Amendments to which they desire the concurrence of that house.

Present

Prefent The Governour

A meffage from the Burgeffes to the Governour & Council by Mr *Randolph* and others who brought the following Anfwer to the meffage fent to that Houfe in relation to the Soldiers lifted in the Service of *South Carolina*

May it pleafe Your Honrs

The Houfe of Burgeffes having . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 195.]

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Saturday May the 17th 1718

prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Securing the payment of Levys and for the punifhment of lewd & idle people* &

A Bill Entituled *An Act for preventing Abufes in the Poft Office*

Were Read the firft time and

Ordered a Second Reading

A Bill Entituled *An Act to divide thofe parts of the parifhes of* Weftover & Weyanoak *which ly on the South fide* James *River from thofe parts of the fd parifhes which ly on the North fide the faid River, and for uniting* Weftover & Weyanoak *parifhes on the South fide* James *River to* Martin Brandon *parifh in the County of* Prince George *and for making* Charles City *County one entire parifh*

Read the third time with the Amendments

Refolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do pafs.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Affembly carry the fd Bill to the Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have pafs'd the fame with fome Amendments to which they defire the concurrence of that Houfe

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Affembly carry the following Meffage from the Council to the Houfe of Burgeffes, together with the Claim of *John Hughes.*

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houfe of Burgeffes*

On confideration of the Claim . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 197.]

And then the Council Adjourned till *Munday* morning 10 aclock

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Munday May the 19th 1718

Prefent

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, Nathaniell Harrifon, Mann Page, Edmund Berkeley Efqrs

A meffage from the Burgeffes to the Council by Mr *Willis* and others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Michael Megginfon *of the County of* King & Queen *Planter to fell certain lands in the County of* Glocefter *entailed on him & the Heirs of his Body, upon his fettling other lands of a great value to the fame ufes* to which they defire the Councils concurrence.

A meffage from the Burgeffes to the Council by Mr *Goodrich* and others that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill Entituled *An Act to divide thofe parts of the parifhes of* Weftover & Weyanoak *which ly on the South fide of* James *River from thofe parts of the faid parifhes which ly on the North fide the fd River, and for uniting* Weftover & Weyanoak *parifhes on the South fide* James *River*

River to Martin Brandon *parish in the County of* Prince George, *and for making* Charles City *County one entire parish*, and had inserted them therein

Resolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do pass.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Assembly carry the ſd Bill to the Burgs and acquaint them that the Council have passed the same as amended.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Securing the payment of Levys and for punishment of lewd & idle people* Read the Second time &

Committed for Amendments

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Tuesday May the 20th 1718

Present

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, William Bassett, William Cocke, Nathaniell Harrison, Mann Page, Edmund Berkeley Esqrs

A Message from the Burgesses to the Council by Mr *Corbin* & others that the Burgesses had agreed to the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill Entituled *An Act for settling the fees of the Secretary County Court Clerks, Sherifs, Coroner & Constables, and for ascertaining the fees of Attorneys to be allowed in a bill of Costs and also declaring the power of the Secretary in appointing County Court Clerks*, and had inserted them therein.

Resolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do pass,

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Assembly carry the said Bill to the Burgesses and acquaint them that the Council have passed the same as amended.

Philip Ludwell, William Cocke, Nathaniel Harrison & Mann Page Esqrs are appointed a Committee to prepare & bring in Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Securing the payment of Levys, and for punishment of lewd & idle people.*

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Assembly carry the following Message from the Council to the House of Burgesses

Mr Speaker *& Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses*

The Government being under engagements for reimbursing Some of the Charges expended by the late Indian Company think it necessary to acquaint you that they are preparing a Message to Set that matter in a clear light for the consideration of your House.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for preventing Abuses in the Post Office.* Read the second time &

Committed for Amendments

Ordered

That a message be prepared to be sent to the Burgesses, to inform them of the Engagements entered into by the Government to the late Indian Company

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Wednesday May the 21st 1718.

present

AS YESTERDAY Except *Wm Cocke* Esqr

A message from the Burgesses to the Council by Mr *Corbin* & others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act declaring the method for appointing An Agent to Sollicite the Affairs of this Colony in* Great Britain, to which they desire the Councils concurrence.

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Corbin* & others who brought a bill Entituled *An Act to impower* Harry Beverley *and others to build a bridge over the* Dragon *Swamp*, to which they deſire the Councils concurrence.

Purſuant to the order of Yeſterday a Meſſage was prepared to be ſent to the Burgeſſes relating to the Engagements of the Government to the late Indian Company And the ſd Meſſage being read, was agreed to, and is as follows

Mr Speaker *& Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

Upon the Repeal of the Act . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 201.]

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Michael Megginſon *of the County of* King *&* Queen *Planter to ſell certain lands in the County of* Gloceſter, *entail'd on him and the Heirs of his body upon his ſettling other lands of a greater value to the ſame uſes*, alſo

A Bill Entituled *An Act to impower* Harry Beverley *& others to build a bridge over the* Dragon *Swamp*, and

A Bill Entituled *An Act declaring the method for appointing an Agent to ſollicite the Affairs of this Colony in* Great Britain.

Were Severally Read the firſt time &

Ordered a Second Reading

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Thurſday May the 22d 1718.

Preſent

THE Governour, *Edmund Jenings, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, William Baſſett, William Cocke, Nathaniel Harriſon, Mann Page & Edmund Berkeley* Eſqrs

The Governour having laſt night received a letter from the Governour of *Penſilvania*, with an account that a body of two or three hundred *Senequa*'s are on their march to attack the Indians of *Virginia*,

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Letter to the Houſe of Burgeſſes

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Michael Megginſon *of the County of* King *&* Queen *Planter to ſell certain Lands in the County of* Gloceſter *entailed on him and the Heirs of his body, upon his ſettling other lands of a greater value to the ſame uſes.* And

A Bill Entituled *An Act to impower* Harry Beverley *& others to build a bridge over the* Dragon *Swamp*

Were ſeverally Read the ſecond time, &

Committed for Amendments.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Aſſembly carry the following Meſſage from the Council to the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

As the Council will ever . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 203-205.]

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Friday May the 23d 1718

preſent

AS YESTERDAY.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to impower* Harry Beverley *and others to build a Bridge over the* Dragon *Swamp*,

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Michael Megginſon *of the County of* King *&* Queen *planter to Sell certain lands in the County of* Gloceſter *entailed on him & the Heirs of his body, upon his Settling other lands of a greater value to the ſame uſes*, and

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A Bill Entituled *An Act for preventing Abuſes in the Poſt Office*
Were Severally read the third time with their Amendments
Ordered
That the Clerk of the Gen[ll] Aſſembly carry the ſ[d] three bills to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have made Severall Amendments to them, to which they deſire the concurrence of that Houſe.

A Bill Entituled *An Act declaring the method of appointing an Agent to Sollicite the Affairs of this Colony in* Great Britain. Read the ſecond time and
A Debate ariſing thereupon
The Queſtion was put
That the Debate be Adjourned
It paſſed in the Affirmative
And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Saturday May the 24th 1718

preſent

AS YESTERDAY

Philip Ludwell Eſq[r] from the Committee appointed to prepare Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Securing the payment of Levys, and for the puniſhment of lewd & idle people.* Reported that they had prepared Amendm[ts] which he delivered in at the table And the ſame being read
Were agreed to, and thereupon
Ordered
That the Bill with the Amendments be read a third time

The Council having reſumed the Debate on the Bill declaring the method of appointing an Agent to ſollicite the Affairs of this Colony in *Great Britain*
And the queſtion being put
That the bill be read a third time
It paſſed in the Negative
Reſolved
That the Bill be rejected.
And then the Council Adjourned till *Munday* morning 10 aclock.

Munday May the 26th 1718.

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, William Cocke, Nathaniel Harriſon Eſq[rs]

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by M[r] *Corbin* and others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act for better regulating the ferry over the River* Chicahominy *near the mouth thereof* to which they deſire the Council's concurrence; Alſo that the Burgeſſes had agreed to their Hon[rs] Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act to impower* Harry Beverley *and others to build a Bridge over the* Dragon *Swamp:* Alſo that they had agreed to their Hon[rs] Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Michael Megginſon *of the County of* King & Queen *planter to ſell certain lands in the County of* Glocester, *entailed on him and the heirs of his body upon his Settling other lands of a greater value to the ſame uſes.* And had accordingly inſerted them in the ſaid Bills. And alſo that the Houſe had agreed to part of the Council's Amendments to the Bill Ent[d] *An Act for preventing Abuſes in the Poſt Office,* and to others had diſagreed, and deſired the Council would not inſiſt on thoſe Amendments to which that Houſe had diſagreed.

Preſent

Prefent *Robert Carter* Efq^r

A Bill Entituled *An Act for better regulating the fferry over the River* Chicahominy *near the mouth thereof.* Read the firft time and

Ordered a fecond Reading

The Amendments to the Bill to impower *Harry Beverley* and others to build a bridge over the *Dragon* Swamp, and to the Bill to enable *Michael Megginfon* of the County of *King & Queen* Planter to fell certain Lands in the County of *Glocefter*, entailed on him and the Heirs of his body upon his fettling other lands of a greater value to the fame ufes, being compared were found truly inferted in the f^d Bills

Refolved

That the faid two Bills do pafs as amended

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Affembly carry the faid Two Bills to the Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have paffed the fame as amended.

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Tuefday May the 27th 1718.

Prefent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, William Baffett, William Cocke, Nathaniell Harrifon Efq^rs

A meffage from the Burgeffes to the Council by Mr *Cuftis* and others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act for granting one thoufand pounds out of the publick ffund for maintaining & educating Scholars at the College of* William *and* Mary, To which they defire the Councils concurrence.

A meffage from the Burgeffes to the Council by Mr *Corbin* and others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act for impowering the Treafurer of this Colony to pay & put out at Intereft a Sum not exceeding eight thoufand pounds of the publick money now in his hands.* To which they defire the Council's Concurrence.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for better Securing the payment of Levys and for the punifhment of lewd & idle people.* Read the third time with the Amendments.

Refolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do pafs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the f^d Bill to the Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have pafs'd the fame with feverall Amendments to which they defire the concurrence of that Houfe.

A meffage from the Burgeffes to the Council by Mr *Harrifon* & others who brought the Book of publick Claims pafs'd the Houfe of Burgeffes, to which they defire the Councils concurrence.

Upon confideration of the Amendment propofed by the Burgeffes to the Councils Amendments to the Bill for preventing Abufes in the Poft Office the Council agreed to the f^d Amendment, and alfo receded from thofe of their Amendments to which the Burgeffes difagreed.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go to the Houfe of Burgeffes and acquaint them therewith

A Bill Entituled *An Act for granting one thoufand pounds out of the publick ffund for maintaining & educating Scholars at the College of* William & Mary Read the firft time and

Ordered a fecond Reading

A Bill Entituled *An Act to impower the Treafurer of this Colony to pay & put out at Intereft a Sum not exceeding eight thoufand pounds of the publick money now in his hands.*

Read the firft time and

Ordered

Ordered a Second Reading

A Bill Entituled *An Act for regulating the ferry over the River* Chicahominy *near the mouth thereof* Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered a third Reading

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Wedneſday May the 28th 1718.

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, William Baſſett, Nathaniell Harriſon, Mann Page, Edmund Berkley* Eſqrs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for better regulating the ferry over the River* Chicahominy *near the mouth thereof.* Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have paſſed the ſame without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Corbin* and others that the Burgeſſes had agreed to the Amendments propoſed by their Honrs to the Bill for ye better ſecuring the payment of Levys and for the puniſhment of lewd & idle people, and to the Bill for preventing Abuſes in the Poſt Office and had inſerted them therein

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bills do paſs as amended

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Aſſembly carry the ſaid two Bills to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have paſs'd the ſame as amended.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for granting One thouſand pounds out of the publick ffund for maintaining & educating Scholars at the College of* William & Mary

Read the Second time and

Ordered a third Reading

A Bill Entituled *An Act for impowering the Treaſurer of this Colony to pay & put out at Intereſt a Sum not exceeding eight thouſand pounds of the publick money in his hands* Read the ſecond time &

Ordered a third Reading

The Council proceeded to the conſideration of the Book of Claims, And the ſame being read over Was agreed to and paſs'd by the Council.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the Book of Claims to the Burgeſſes & acquaint them that the Council have paſſed the ſame without any Amendment.

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Thurſday May the 29th 1718

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, William Baſſett, William Cocke, Nathaniel Harriſon, Edmund Berkley* Eſqrs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for granting One thouſand pounds out of the publick ffund for maintaining & educating Scholars at the College of* William & Mary Read the third time

Reſolved Nemine Contradicente

That the Bill do paſs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the impowering the Treasurer of this Colony to pay & put out at Interest a Sum not exceeding Eight thousand pounds of the publick money now in his hands.* Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill do pass

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Assembly carry the said two bills to the Burgesses and acquaint them that the Council have passed the same without any Amendment.

A message from the Burgesses to the Council by Mr *Harrison* and others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act to repeal part of an Act made in the twelfth year of her late Majesty Queen* Anne *for finishing the Governour's house and for granting to His Honour the Sum of two hundred & fifty pounds for perfecting the said Work* To which they desire the Councils concurrence.

And the said Bill was Read the first time &

Ordered a second Reading

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Friday May the 30th 1718

Present

THE Governour, *Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, William Bassett, William Cocke, Nathaniell Harrison, Mann Page, Edmund Berkley* Esqrs

The House of Burgesses attending the Governour presented the following Address

To the Honble Alexander Spotswood *His Majesties Lievtenant Governour of* Virginia

The humble Address of the House of Burgesses.

May it please Your Honour

We His Majesties faithfull . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 212-213.]

To which the Governour made the following Answer

As I may well thank . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 215-216.]

A message from the Burgesses to the Council by Mr *Goodrich* & others who brought the following message, in answer to the Councils messages of the 21st & 22d *instant* in the following words,

May it please Your Honours,

We have Seriously considered . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 214-215.]

A message from the Burgesses to the Council by Mr *Harrison* & others that the House had pass'd Severall Resolves, to which they desire the Councils concurrence.

Resolved

That the following message be sent to the Burgesses in answer to their Message this day.

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses*

The Council have had . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 216.]

A message from the Burgesses to the Council by Mr *Digges* and others that the House had agreed to the Proposal mentioned in their Honrs Message and had come to a Resolve thereon, which he delivered, and is as follows

Resolved

That the House doth approve of the method of returning the Indian Hostages proposed by the Council, and that they with the guards be maintain'd till the last of *July* at the Charge of the Country.

The Council proceeded to the consideration of the Burgesses Resolves, and the same were agreed to, And are as follows

Resolved Nemine contradicente

That

That a Sum not exceeding Sixty pounds be paid to *John Clayton* Eſq^r out of the money in the Treaſurer's hands by him to be laid out on a Monument of Marble to be erected in the Church yard of *Williamſburgh* to the memory of His Excell^cy *Edwd Nott* late Governour with Such Inſcription as he ſhall think proper.

Reſolved

That the Sum of one hundred pounds out of the money in the Treaſurer's hands be paid to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, So as this allowance to the preſent Speaker ſhal not be drawn into precedent for the future.

Reſolved

That the Severall money Allowances mentioned in the Book of Claims be paid out of the publick money in the Treaſurer's hands.

Then the Governour was pleaſed to ſign his Aſſent to the ſaid Reſolves

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly return the ſaid Reſolves to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have paſſed the ſame and that the Governour hath ſigned his Aſſent thereto.

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Randolph* and others that ſix of the Bills paſs'd this Seſſion being inrolled, they were ordered to bring them to the Council for their peruſal.

The ſaid Bills being peruſed by the Council

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Aſſembly return the Same to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council are Satisfyed they are truly inrolled

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and command their immediate Attendance on the Governour in the Council chamber, And that they bring with them Such Bills as are ready for his Aſſent.

The Houſe of Burgeſſes attending

Mr *Speaker* addreſſed himſelf to the Governour to this effect '*May it pleaſe Your* '*Honour* The Houſe of Burgeſſes return Yo^r Honour their humble thanks for the Receſs 'you are pleaſed to allow them. Theſe are Some of the Bills which have been agreed to 'by the Honble Council and themſelves, and they now preſent them to Your Honour for 'your Aſſent.

Then the ſaid Bills were preſented and Signed by the Governour, and the Speaker, as follows

An Act for granting One thouſand pounds out of the publick ffund for the maintaining & educating Scholars at the College of William *and* Mary.

An Act to enable Michael Megginſon *of the County of* King & Queen *planter to ſell certain lands in the County of* Glocefter *entailed on him and the Heirs of his body, upon his Settling other lands of a greater value to the ſame uſes,*

An Act to impower Harry Beverley *and others to build a Bridge over the* Dragon *Swamp* and

An Act for ſettling the fees of the Secretary, County Court Clerks, Sherifs, Coroner and Conſtables, and for aſcertaining the fees of Attorneys to be allowed in a Bill of Coſts.

Upon preſenting the Bill Entituled *An Act to divide thoſe parts of the pariſhes of* Weſtover *and* Weyanoak *which ly on the South ſide* James *River from thoſe parts of the ſaid pariſhes which ly on the North ſide the ſaid River, and for uniting* Weſtover & Weyanoak *pariſhes on the South ſide* James *River to* Martin brandon *pariſh in the County of* Prince George, *and for making* Charles City *County one entire pariſh.* The Governor was pleaſed to ſay "I have not had an opportunity fully to conſider this Bill but I ſhall 'do it during your Receſs.

And upon preſenting the Bill for the better Securing the payment of Levys, and for the puniſhment of lewd & idle people. The Governour ſaid

'Neither

'Neither have I had time to confider this Bill, but I fhall during your Recefs.

And then the Governor faid

Gentlemen

I underftand the 10th of *July* will be a time acceptable to you for your next Meeting And therefore I do appoint that time for your Adjournment.

Then the Burgeffes withdrew

And the Council Adjourned till *Thurfday* the 10th day of *July* next

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Thurfday July the 10th 1718

Prefent

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Smith, William Cocke* Efqrs

The Affembly being mett according to Adjournment

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Affembly go to the Houfe of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Governor commands their imediate Attendance on him in the Council Chamber

The Burgeffes accordingly attending

The Governour Spoke as follows

Gentlemen of the Houfe of Burgeffes

I would willingly have fpared . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 217.]

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

begun the 23 of *April* 1718 in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *George* &c and thence by Sundry Prorogations and Adjournment continued to and held at his Majeſtys Royal Capitol ye 11th day of *Nov^r* 1718 in the fifth year of His Majeſtys Reign.

[From the Public Record Office, *London*, Colonial Office, Clafs 5, Vol. 1416—pages of volume not numbered.]

At a General Affembly begun the 23 of *April* 1718 in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *George* &c and thence by Sundry Prorogations and Adjournment continued to and held at his Majeftys Royal Capitol ye 11th day of *Novr* 1718 in the fifth year of His Majeftys Reign.

[*November* the 11th, 1718.]

Prefent

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings, James Blair, Phil Ludwell, John Smith, Willm Cocke & Man Page* Efqrs

Ordered

That ye Clerk of the Gen[l] Affembly go to ye Houfe of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Governor having nothing Immediately to lay before them they may proceed upon fuch Propofitions and Grievances as they have in Charge from their Countys.

Then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning ten a Clock

Wednefday Novr ye 12th 1718

Prefent

EDMUND JENINGS, *James Blair, Phil Ludwell, John Smith, Wm Baffett, Wm Cocke & Man Page* Efqrs

The Council met and having no bufinefs before them

Adjourned till tomorrow morning ten a Clock

Thurfday Novr ye 13th 1718

Prefent

EDMUND JENINGS, *James Blair, Phil Ludwell, John Smith, Wm Baffett & Man Page* Efqrs

A Petition of divers of the Frontier Inhabitants of *Henrico & New Kent* praying that Rangers may be appointed for ye Security of the faid Frontier againft ye Indians.

Read &

Refer'd to the confideration of ye Houfe of Burgs

Prefent The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen[l] Affembly carry the following Meffage from the Governor and Council to the Houfe of Burgeffes.

Mr Speaker *and Gentn of ye Houfe of Burgeffes*

The Governor & Council having . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1712-1726, pp. 223-224.]

Then the Council Adjourned till to morrow morning 10 Clock

Friday

Friday Novr 14. 1718

Prefent

EDM^D *JENINGS, James Blair, Phil Ludwell, John Smith, Wm Baffett & Man Page* Efq^rs

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the upper part of *St Johns* Parifh praying a divifion of the faid Parifh Read and Refered to the Confideration of ye Houfe of Burg^s

A Petition of divers of the Inhabitants of the Lower Part of *St John's* Parifh relating to the Divifion of the faid Parifh Read and

Refered to ye Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes.

Then the Council Adjourned till to morrow morning ten a Clock

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Saturday Novr ye 15th 1718

Prefent

EDMUND *JENINGS, James Blair, Phil Ludwell, John Smith, Wm Baffett, Wm Cocke & Man Page* Efq^rs

A Meffage from the Burgeffes to the Council by Mr *Blair* and others who brought a Bill ent^d *an Act declaring who Shall not bear Office in this Country* to which they defire the Councils Concurrence.

Then the Council Adjourned till *Monday* morning 10 Clock

Monday Novr ye 17th 1718

Prefent

EDMUND *JENINGS, James Blair, Phil Ludwell, John Smith & Wm Cocke* Efq^rs

A Bill from the Burgeffes ent^d *an Act declaring who Shall not bear Office in this Country* read the firft time &

Ordered

To be read a Second time.

Then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 Clock

Tuefday Novr ye 18th 1718

Prefent

EDMUND *JENINGS, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Jno Smith, Wm Baffett, Wm Cocke & Mann Page* Efq^rs

A bill ent^d *An Act declaring who fhal not bear Office in this Country* Read ye 2^d time & committed for amendm^ts

And then the Council adjournd till to morrow morning ten aclock

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Wednefday Novr 19th 1718

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meffage to the Council from the Burgeffes by Mr *Corbin* and others who brought A Bill ent^d *an Act to Encourage the apprehending & deftroying of Pyrates* to wch they defire the Council's Concurrence

A Bill ent^d *an Act declaring who Shall not bear Office in this Country* being (according to order) amended was Read ye third time with the Amendments.

Refolved

That the faid Bill as amended be agreed to

A Petition of *John Broadnax* praying an increaſe of his Sallary as keeper of the Capitol

Refered to ye Conſideration of the Houſe of Burg^s^

A Bill ent^d^ *an Act to Encourage the Apprehending of Pirates* read the firſt time an[d]

Ordered to be read a Second time

Adjourned during Pleaſure

AND being met again

Preſent *M Page & Edm^d^ Berkeley* Eſq^rs^

A Meſſage from the Burg^s^ by Mr *Blair* and others that the Burg^s^ agreed to the Amendments to the Bill ent^d^ *an Act declaring who Shall not bear Office in this Country* & had inſerted it therein

Reſolved that ye Bill as amended do paſs.

A Bill ent^d^ *an Act to Encourage the apprehending of Pyrates* read the 2^d^ time and Comitted for amendments

Adjourned during Pleaſure

AND being met again

A Bill ent^d^ *an Act to Encourage the apprehending of Pyrats* being amended was

Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill as amended be agreed to

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning ten a Clock

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*Thurſday Nov^r^* ye 20th 1718

Preſent

EDM^D^ JENINGS, James Blair, Phil Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, W^m^ Baſſett, Wm Coke, Man Page & Edm^d^ Berkeley Eſq^rs^

The Council having no buſineſs before them,

Adjourned till to morrow morning ten a Clock

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*Friday Nov^r^* ye 21^ſt^ 1718

Preſent

EDM^D^ JENINGS, Robt Carter, James Blair, Phil Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, W^m^ Baſſett, Man Page & Edm^d^ Berkeley Eſq^rs^

A Meſſage from the Burg^s^ to the Council by Mr *Goodrich* and others who brought the Book of Claims and ye Treaſurers Acc^ts^ to which they deſire the Council's Concurrence

A Meſſage to the Council by Mr *Conway* and others who brought a Reſolve for adding ten Pounds ℔ *An^m^* to ye Sallary of *John Broadnax* for keeping the Capitol to wch they deſire ye Councils Concurrence

A Meſſage to the Council by Mr *Corbin* and others y^t^ the Burg^s^ had agreed to ye Amendments propoſed by their Hon^rs^ to ye Bill ent^d^ *an* [*Act*] *to Encourage the Apprehending of Pyrats* & had inſerted them therein.

And the Amendments being found truly Inſerted

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill as amended do paſs.

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The Refolve for an Add[l] Sallary to *John Broadnax* being read as follows *Viz.*

Refolved that £10 ℔ *Ann* be added to the Sallary of *John Broadnax* for keeping the Capitol

Was agreed to with this Addition that y[e] faid Add[l] Sallary be continued to the keeper of the Capitol for the time being

A Memorial of *John Broadnax* Read &

Referd to y[e] Houfe of Burg[s]

Then the Council Adjourned till to morrow morning 10 Clock

Saturday Nov[r] y[e] 22[d] 1718

Prefent

EDMUND JENINGS, *Rob[t] Carter, James Blair, Phil Ludwell, John Smith, John Lewis, M Page* and *Edm[d] Berkeley* Efq[rs]

A Meffage from the Burg[s] to the Council by M[r] *Corbin* and others, who brought a Bill ent[d] *an Act for impowering the Treafurer of this Colony to put out at Intereft a Sum not Exceeding ten thoufand Pounds now in his hands*, to which they defire the Councils Concurrence.

Prefent The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen[l] Affembly carry the following Meffage from the Governor to the Houfe of Burgeffes

M[r] Speaker *and Gent[n] of the Houfe of Burg[s]*

Your Proceedings . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 232-3.]

The Clerk returned and reported that the Burg[s] were broke up & had Seperated before one a Clock, and the Gov[r] was thereupon Pleas'd to order, That the faid Meffage be carryed down to them on *Monday*

A Bill Ent[d] *an Act for Impowering the Treafurer to put out at Intereft a Sum not Exceeding ten thoufand Pounds now in his hands.*

Read the firft time &

Ordered to be read a Second time

A Motion being made that y[e] book of Claims be read

Refolved

That the faid Book be read on *Monday*

Then the Council Adjourned till *Monday* Morning 10 Clock

Monday Nov[r] 24th 1718

Prefent

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings, Rob[t] Carter, James Blair, Phil Ludwell, W[m] Cocke, M Page & Edm[d] Berkeley* Efq[rs]

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen[l] Affembly go to the Houfe of Burg[s] and Command their Attendance on the Governor with the bill to Encourage the Apprehending and Diftroying of Pyrats in order to recieve his Affent

Prefent *John Smith* Efq[r]

A Meffage from the Burg[s] by M[r] *Digges* and others who brought two enrolled Bills for the Councils Perufal

And the Same being examined.

Ordered

That the Bill to encourage the apprehending and diftroying of Pirates to be return'd to the Houfe

A Pet[n] of *Jn[o] Holt* praying to be enabled to rebuild a Bridge over a Creek which divides *hog Ifland* from the main Land Read &

Refered

Refered to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgs

The Houſe of Burgeſſes attending the Governor was pleas'd to give his Aſſent to *An Act to Encourage the apprehending & diſtroying of Pyrates*

And then the Burgs withdrew

A Petition of *Thos Jones* in behalf of the late Indian Company Read &

Referd to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgs

The Book of Claims being taken into Conſideration and a Debate ariſing whither the Article inſerted in the ſaid book in theſe words *Viz.*

To Wm Bird *Eſqr Agent for this Colony 300* £ Shall be agreed to by the Council

The Governor was thereupon pleaſed to declare, That Whatever Addreſſes and Inſtructions the Aſſembly have to Tranſmit to his Majty he is ready to convey the ſame to Collo *Blakeſtone*, the Perſon his Majeſty has allow'd to be Agent for this Colony, with directions to him to preſent Such Addreſſes to His Majeſty without any Expence to ye Country, & That even thô the ſaid Addreſs doth Contain Matter of Complaint agt the Governor himſelf

Upon which this Queſtion was put

That a Meſſage be ſent to the Burgs to Signify the Aforementioned propoſal of the Govrs for Tranſmitting their Addreſs to his Majeſty.

It paſs'd in the Negative

Then the Queſtion was put that ye Article of £300 to *Wm Bird* Eſqr Agent for this Colony as it is inſerted in the Book of Claims by the Houſe of Burgs be agreed to by the Council

It paſs'd in the Affirmative

Edmund Jenings, Wm Cocke & Man Page Eſqrs Enter their proteſt againſt allowing the ſaid 300 £ to Mr *Bird* for theſe Reaſons, Firſt becauſe it is unpreſidented and Contrary to ye Eſtabliſh'd Rules of the Council to admit a thing of a Different Nature (as this is) to be tackt to the Book of Claims. Secondly becauſe they know no Service Mr *Bird* has done to deſerve Such a Reward: & Thirdly for that it appears yt this 300 £ is given as an Encouragemt to Mr *Bird* to Proſecute a Charge agt the Lieut Govr they cannot give their Conſent to any thing that looks like an approbation of that Charge

And upon further conſideration of ſome other Parts of ye book of Claims

Reſolved

That an Amendment be made thereto and that the Clerk prepare a Meſſage for that purpoſe

Then the Council adjourned till tomorrow morning ten a Clock

Tueſday Novemr 25th 1718

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, John Smith, Wm Cocke & Mann Page Eſqrs

The Treaſurer's Accompts being inſpected

Reſolved

That the ſaid Accots be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly return the ſaid Accots to the Houſe of Burgeſſes as ſoon as the Governor has ſign'd his Aſſent to ye ſame

A Bill Entituled *An Act for impowering the Treaſurer of this Colony to put out at Intereſt a Sum not exceeding ten thouſand pounds Now in his hands*, was read the Second time, and

Ordered

To be read a third time.

Ordered

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the following Meſſage from the Council to the Burgeſſes together with the Book of Claims

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Hs of Burgs*

Among the Claims . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 234.]

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 Clock

Wedneſday Novr ye 26th 1718

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, *Robt Carter, James Blair, Phil Ludwell, John Smith, Wm Cocke & Man Page* Eſqrs

A Bill Entd *an Act for Impowering the Treaſurer of This Colony to put out at Intereſt a Sum not Exceeding ten thouſand Pound now in his Hands*

Read the third time

Reſolved

That ye ſaid Bill do Paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſame to ye Houſe of Burgs

Ordered

That the Clerk carry to ye Burgs the Bill declaring who Shall not bear Office in this Country and accquaint them that ye Council are Satisfy'd it is Truely Enrolled

A Meſſage from the Burgs by Mr *Goodrich* and others who brot back the Book of Claims and acquainted the Council that ye Burgs cannot agree to their Honrs Amendments and deſire the Book may Paſs as ye Houſe have prepared it

Then the Queſtion was put whether the Council Shall inſiſt on their Amendments to ye Book of Claims

It paſs'd in the Negative

Reſolved

That ye Council do not inſiſt on their Amendments to ye Book of Claims

And then the Book of Claims was agreed to & ordered to be retd to the Ho of Burgs

A Petition of *Henry Hayward* Sherif of *York* County (by Leave of the Governor) was brought in and Read &

Refer'd to ye Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgs

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow morning 10 Clock

Thurſday Novr ye 27th 1718

Preſent

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings, Robt Carter, James Blair, Phil Ludwell, John Smith, Wm Cocke & Man Page* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from ye Burgs to ye Govr by Mr *Goodrich* & others as Follows

To the Honble Alexr Spotſwood *his Majtys Lieut Govr and Commander in Chief of this Dominion*

May it pleaſe Your Honr

The Houſe of Burgs having had under their Conſideration the Written Meſſage ſent to them by your Honr on this Day beg Leave to Inform your Honr That they do Adhere to ye book of Claims as ye ſame has Paſs'd this Houſe and the Council and do deſire your Honrs Concurrence thereto as uſual.

Then the Govr Sign'd his Aſſent to ye Book of Claims in theſe Words

Novr ye 27th 1718

I do Aſſent to all the Articles in the Book of Claims Except ſo far as concerns my Concurrence to ye Diſallowance of ye Claims for the Committment of ye Pyrate and

Except

Except that Article of 300 £ to ye Agent To which I do Diſſent for the Reaſons mentioned in My Meſſage ſent this Day to ye Houſe of Burg^s

Ordered

That ye Clerk do carry down the ſaid Book to ye Burg^s and acquaint them that the Govr hath Aſſented thereto with ye Exceptions mentioned in his Meſſage of this Day

Then the Council Adjourned till to morrow morning 10 a Clock

Fryday Novr ye 28th 1718

Preſent

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings, Robt Carter, James Blair, Phil Ludwell, John Smith, Wm Cocke & Man Page*

The Council having no buſineſs before them

Adjourned till to morrow morning ten a Clock

Saturday Novr ye 29th 1718

Preſent

EDM^D JENINGS, Robt Carter, Phil Ludwell, John Smith, Wm Cocke & Man Page Eſq^rs

A Meſſage to ye Council by M^r *Eſcridge* and others who brought ye book of Proportions to which they deſire the Councils Concurrence

And the ſaid book being read is agreed to by the Council

Order'd

That the Cl^k of the Gen^ll Aſſ^ly carry the ſaid Book to ye Burg^s as ſoon as the Govr has Signed his Aſſent thereto.

A Meſſage to ye Council by M^r *Eſcridge* and others who brought a Bill ent^d *an Act for raiſing a Publick Levy.*

And the ſaid Bill was read a firſt time and ordered to be read a Second time

And then the Council Adjourned during Pleaſure

AND being met again

A Bill ent^d *an Act for raiſing a Publick Levy* read the Second time and orderd to be read a third time

The Council Adjourned during Pleaſure.

AND being met again

A Bill ent^d *an Act for raiſing A Publick Levy* read ye third time

Reſolved

That y^e ſaid Bill do Paſs

Order'd

That the Clk of the Genl Aſſ^ly return the ſaid Bill to ye Burg^s and acquaint them that the Council have Paſs'd the ſame without any Amendments.

A Meſſage to ye Council by Mr *Diggs* and others who brought two enrolld Bills for the Councils Peruſal

And the ſame being Peruſed by the Council

Ordered

That the Clerk return the ſame to ye Burg^s and acquaint them that ye Council are Satisfy'd the ſame are truly enrolld—

Then the Council Adjourned till *Monday* Morning 10 Clock—

Monday

Monday Decr ye 1ſt 1718

Preſent

THE Governor, *Edmd Jenings, Robt Carter, James Blair, Phil Ludwell, Wm Cocke & Man Page* Eſqrs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgs and Command their Attendance on the Governr with the Bills they have prepared

The Houſe of Burgs Attending Mr *Speaker* preſented the ſeveral Bills which were Paſs'd as follows

An Act to Enable the Treaſurer of this Colony to put out at Intereſt a Sum not exceeding Ten thouſand pounds now in his hands

An Act for raiſing a Publick Levy

Upon preſenting the Bill entd *an Act declaring who Shall not bear Office in this Country*

The Governor was pleaſed to ſay, a Law of this Nature has been already diſapprovd by his Majty, and this is Liable to the very ſame Objection for which the Former was repealed; & therefore I cannot Paſs it without his Majtys Directions

And the Governor made the following Speech.

Gentn of the Houſe of Burgs

The late ſingular Managemt . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 242-244.]

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AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

begun and held at His Majeſtys Capitol 2d day of *November* In the ſeventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* by the grace of God King of *Great Britain France* & *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith &c *Annoq*3 *Dni.* 1720.

[From an early copy in the *Virginia* State Library.]

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[*November* the 2nd, 1720.]

Preſent

THE Honble *Alexander Spotſwood* His Maj^ties Lieutenant Governour, *Edmund Jenings, Robert Carter, Philip Ludwell, Jno Lewis, Wm Byrd, Nathl Harriſon, Cole Digges* and *Peter Beverley* Eſq^rs

Nathaniel Harriſon Cole Digges & Peter Beverley Eſq^rs Reported That purſuant to the Governors Commiſſion to them directed, They had this day adminiſtered the ſeverall Oaths appointed by Law and the Teſt to fourty nine Members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes who are now aſſembled in their Houſe.

Mr *Corbin* and others of the Burgeſſes waited on the Governor in the Council Chamber, Acquainting him that the Burgeſſes were now mett and waited his Hon^rs Commands

To wch the Governor anſwered That they might inform the Burgeſſes he was here ready in the Council Chamber expecting their Attendance.

Accordingly the Burgeſſes coming up to the Council Chamber, The Governor ſpoke to them as follows

Gentlemen

The hopes I have concieved of your Pacifick Intentions cauſes me to meet you here with great Satisfaction; And I truſt you will confirm me in this Expectation by the firſt ſteps you are this day to make, which is in the choiſe of your Speaker; for if the perſon you prefer be noted for a deſerving and moderate man I ſhall then conclude your future behaviour will be of the ſame ſtamp

Then the Burgeſſes withdrew, and

The Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Thurſday November the 3d 1720

Preſent

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, William Byrd, William Baſſett, Nathl Harriſon, Cole Digges* and *Peter Beverley*, Eſq^rs.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Governor commands their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber

The Burgeſſes attending

John Holloway of the County of *York* Gent Addreſs'd himſelf to the Governor to this Effect

That the Burgeſſes of this his Majeſtys moſt ancient Colony purſuant to his Hon^rs Commands and their ancient Rights & Priviledges had proceeded to the choice of a Speaker

Speaker And that without regarding many other worthy Members of their Houſe they had made choice of him for that weighty Charge: but as he knew too well his own Infirmitys and Incapacity for ſo Important an Employment he prayed his Hon^r would be pleaſed to direct the Houſe to make another Choice. But the Governor anſwering that he could not Reject the Choice of the Houſe; he then proceeded to make the uſual petitions that the Burgeſſes in their perſons Servants & Eſtates might be free from arreſts & other Diſturbances: That in all their Debates they might enjoy freedom of ſpeech: That they may have Power over their own Members and Laſtly that when Occaſion ſhould require They might have free Acceſs to his Hon^rs perſon All which petitions being granted the Governor then made the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council and Houſe of Burgeſſes

After the ſignal proofs . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1712-26, p. 250.]

Then the Burgeſſes withdrew.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Countys of *King & Queen* and *King William*, praying that two new ferrys may be appointed by Law over *Mattapony* River, and

A petition of the Inhab^ts of the ſ^d County of *King & Queen*, praying that the Upper Plantations of that and the Countys of *King William & Eſſex* may be Erected into a new County

Were ſeverally Read &

Referred to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Friday November ye 4th 1720

Preſent

THE ſame As Yeſterday

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council By Mr *Clayton* & Mr *Grymes* That the Houſe of Burgeſſes had appointed Prayers to be read daily at 11 aclock in the forenoon by their Chaplain and had directed them to notify the ſame to their Hon^rs

The Council proceeded to take into conſideration the Governors Speech and thereupon

Reſolved Nemine contradicente

That an Addreſs be prepared to return their Thanks to the Governor for the favourable Expreſſions in his Hon^rs Speech Yeſterday, and a Committee was appointed to prepare the ſame *viz* Mr Com^ry *Blair*, *Wm Byrd* & *Peter Beverley* Eſq^rs

Ordered

That the ſ^d Addreſs be Reported tomorrow morning

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Saturday November the 5th 1720

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

Mr Com^ry *Blair* from the Committee appointed to prepare an Addreſs to the Governor Reported That they had accordingly prepared the ſame, which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſ^d Addreſs was read and agreed to, and is as follows

To The Honble Alexander Spotſwood *His Maj'tys Lieutenant Governor of* Virginia

The humble Addreſs of the Council

We his Maj^tys moſt Dutifull & Loyal Subjects the Council of *Virginia* mett together in Aſſembly do gladly take hold of this Opportunity ſince the late happy pacification, to

to aſſure yor Hon^r that We account ourſelves very fortunate in having thereby frequent Occaſion of being prompted by yor great Talents to promote his Majeſtys Service and the General Advantage of this Dominion.

As We have ample reaſon ourſelves to return Yo^r Hon^r humble thanks for recommending to us at this time Moderation & Concord without which no publick good can be effected, So We doubt not but 'twill be receiv'd with the utmoſt Returns of gratitude by all his Majeſ^tys Dutifull Subjects under your Government.

Our near Relation to *Great Britain* which Yo^r Hon^r ſo handſomely reminds us of, we eſteem our chief felicity and as this Colony has in the moſt Rebellious times Signalized her Loyalty So We queſtion not but ſhe will continue to give proofs of unſhaken Duty to her Sovereign and of entire Fidelity & Affection to her mother Country.

We muſt thankfully acknowledge that Yo^r Hon^r has ſuggeſted very noble Subjects for the Conſultation of this Aſſembly, which in our opinion can't be better employed than in finding out the propereſt Expedients for guarding our Frontiers for providing the Safeſt defence againſt both an Inſidious & Encroaching Enemy, and likewiſe for ſecuring that Barrier which nature ſeems to have markt out for this Country. In each of theſe Important Points we ſhall moſt chearfully concurr with the Burgeſſes in any Methods that may beſt anſwer ſuch wholſom Views: And if by reaſon of the Infancy of this Dominion Our Ability ſhould fall ſhort of attaining ſuch great Deſigns We ſhall be ready to concurr with Yo^r Hon^r and the Burgeſſes in repreſenting the matter to his Majeſty.

Laſtly We beg leave to aſſure Yo^r Hon^r that we will continue our utmoſt Endeavours to reconcile & Unite the minds of his Maj^tys Subjects in this Colony, being firmly perſwaded, *Sir*, that you will be pleaſed to diſcourage in the moſt effectual manner all thoſe perſons who ſhall be Inſtrumentall in creating any Miſunderſtanding.

Ordered

That the Committee who prepared the ſ^d Addreſs wait on the Governor to know his pleaſure when & where he will be attended with the ſame.

And accordingly The Committee being Returned

Reported That the Governor had been pleaſed to appoint this day at 2 aclock in the Council chamber for receiving the Council's Addreſs

Preſent The Governor

Edmund Jenings Eſq^r preſented to the Governor the Addreſs of the Council

To which his Hon^r was pleaſed to make the following Anſwer

Gentlemen

I heartily thank you for this Kind Addreſs. I rejoice at the very glimpſe of the days of Concord returning among us, and ſhall always look upon Inſtruments of Disunion to be no more my friends than they are the Countrey's

Severall Propoſitions Grievances and Petitions from the Countys of *New Kent, King W^m, Eſſex, Richmond, Middleſex, Prince George* & *Surry*

Were ſeverally Read & Referred to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Generall Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and acquaint them that the Governor is now ready in the Council chamber to receive their Addreſs mentioned in a Meſſage ſent to him this day.

The Houſe of Burgeſſes attending

Mr *Speaker* read and preſented the following Addreſs.

To The Honble Alexander Spotſwood *His Maj^tie's Lieu^t Governor of* Virginia

Sir

His Majeſtys moſt Dutifull & Loyal . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 254.]

To which the Governor anſwered in theſe Words

Mr Speaker *and Gentl^n of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

I can no more than you . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 255.]

And then the Council Adjourned till *Munday* morning 10 aclock

Munday

Munday November the 7th 1720

Prefent

EDMUND JENINGS, *James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, William Byrd, Peter Beverley* Efqrs

The Council mett &

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Tuefday November ye 8th 1720

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY & Collo *Harrifon*

The Council having no bufinefs before them

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Wednefday November the 9th 1720

Prefent

EDMUND JENINGS, *James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Wm Byrd, Nathl Harrifon, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley* Efqrs

The Council mett &

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Thurfday November ye 10th 1720

Prefent

EDMUND JENINGS, *James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Wm Byrd, Wm Baffett, Nathl Harrifon, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley* Efqrs

The Council mett and

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Friday November 11th 1720

Prefent

THE Governor and The fame Council as Yefterday

Sundry Grievances and Propofitions from the Countys of *Accomack Ifle* of *Wight* and *Charles City*

Were feverally Read and Referr'd to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Saturday November ye 12th 1720

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A meffage from the Burgeffes to the Council by Mr *Grymes* & others That the Burgeffes having had under confideration that part of the Governor's Speech relating to the Security of the Frontiers, and poffeffing the Paffes of the Mountains, had come to a Refolution to defire a free Conference with their Honours thereon and had appointed them to wait on their Honrs for that purpofe and defire that if the Council agree thereto that they will pleafe fignify to the Houfe the time & place of their Conference and the number of their Conferrees.

Refolved

Refolved

That the Council do agree to the free Conference defired by the Burgeffes and that *Wednefday* next at one in the Afternoon be appointed for that purpofe in the Conference Room

Refolved

That four of the Council be appointed Managers for the fd Conference

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go to the Houfe of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the free Conference defired by their Houfe, and have appointed four of their members to meet fuch of the Burgeffes as they fhall appoint on *Wednefday* next at one in the Afternoon in the Conference room

And then the Council Adjourned till *Munday* morning 10 aclock

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Munday November 14th 1720

Prefent

EDMUND JENINGS, *James Blair, Philip Ludwell, William Byrd, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley* Efqrs

The Council mett and

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Tuefday November the 15th 1720

Prefent

EDMUND JENINGS, *James Blair, Philip Ludwell, William Byrd, William Baffett, Nathaniel Harrifon, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley* Efqrs

The Council mett and

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Wednefday November the 16th 1720

Prefent

EDMUND JENINGS, *James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Wm Byrd, Wm Baffett, Nathl Harrifon, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley* Efqrs

The Council proceeded to nominate Managers for the free Conference appointed this day with the Burgeffes upon fome matters recommended in the Governor's Speech, and Managers were accordingly appointed *viz Philip Ludwell, Wm Byrd, Nathl Harrifon & Peter Beverley* Efqrs

Prefent *Robert Carter* Efqr

The Managers for the Council went to the Conference, and

The Council Adjourned during pleafure

AND being mett again

Philip Ludwell Efqr Reported that the Managers for the Council had mett thofe of the Burgeffes. That the Burgeffes Managers had offered as the fentiments of that Houfe That they had been informed that there were two Paffes in the Great Ridge of Mountains; That for Security of thofe Paffes, Forts fhould be built there: That the King fhould be fupplicated to fend two Companys of foldiers to Garrifon the fd Forts at his Majefties charge; That two Countys of narrow extent fhould be Laid off leading to thofe Paffes; that the people feating in thofe Countys fhould be free from publick Levys for ten years; that the Churches & Courthoufes fhould be built at the publick charge, and the people at the like charge furnifhed with

arms

arms & ammunition; And that the King be addreſſed to remitt his Quitt Rents and Rights for Lands for the ſame ten years. That they had told the Burgeſſes that the Council had agreed to this Conference, purpoſely to know what the Burgeſſes had to offer, but that in order to know the Sentiments of their Houſe thereupon, it would be more proper to report the ſame to the Council, and further moved that the Burgeſſes would agree to renew the Conference tomorrow after prayers, when they ſhould be ready to give their opinion more fully.

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Robinſon* & others That the Burgeſſes have agreed their Managers ſhall meet thoſe of the Council Tomorrow at the time propoſed by their Honrs, on the ſubject matter of the laſt free Conference.

The Council adjourned till 6 aclock Afternoon

Poſt Meridiem

Preſent

AS BEFORE & *John Lewis* Eſqr

The Report of the Managers of the free Conference with the Burgeſſes this day being now conſidered After ſome Debate

The ſame was agreed to with ſeveral Amendments

Ordered

That the ſd Report as amended be drawn up to be offered at the Conference tomorrow

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Thurſday November the 17th 1720

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

Philip Ludwell Eſqr from the Conference with the Burgeſſes Reported That the Managers for the Council had mett thoſe of the Burgeſſes, and had communicated to them the Sentiments of the Council upon what was offered at the laſt Conference, And that the Burgeſſes managers ſaid they would Report the ſame to their Houſe, and after they ſhould be further Inſtructed they ſhould deſire another Conference with the Council

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 11 aclock

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Friday November the 18th 1720

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council having no Buſineſs before them

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Saturday November the 19th 1720

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Robinſon* & others who brot a Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing* Richmond *County*, to which they deſire the Councils concurrence.

Abſent

Robt Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Nathl Harriſon, Mann Page, Cole Digges Eſqrs

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A Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing* Richmond *County* Read the firſt time, and *Ordered* a ſecond Reading

Preſent The Governor

Severall Propoſitions from the County of *King & Queen*

A petition of *James Shields* Keeper of the Publick Goal praying ſome alterations may be made in the ſd Goal for the better Accomodation of the priſoners

A petition of *John Tyler* praying allowance for a Negro diſabled by firing the Great Guns on the Anniverſary of his Matys Coronation

A petition of *Chichely Corbin Thacker* praying his uſual Allowance as Clerk of the Secretary's Office, and

A petition of the ſd *Chichely Corbin Thacker* praying Allowance for iſſuing Writs for Election of Burgeſſes for *James City* and the College of *William* and *Mary*

Were ſeverally Read & referr'd to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

And then the Council Adjourned till *Munday* morning 11 aclock

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Munday November the 21ſt 1720

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, William Byrd, John Lewis, Peter Beverley Eſqrs

The Council mett and

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 11 aclock

Tueſday November 22d 1720

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing* Richmond *County*, Read the ſecond time and

Ordered a third Reading

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Grymes* & others That their Houſe deſire a free Conference with their Honrs at one aclock, on the ſubject matter of the laſt Conference, and have appointed certain of their Members to meet the Managers for the Council in the Conference Room

Reſolved

That the Council do agree to the ſaid Conference

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the free Conference deſired by their Houſe, and that their managers will be ready at the time & place propoſed by the Burgeſſes.

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Clayton* and others who brought the following Bills *viz* A Bill Entituled *An Act giving a Reward for killing of Wolves and Repealing all other Acts relating thereto:* A Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing* New Kent *County:* A Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing the pariſh of* Henrico *in the County of* Henrico and a Bill Entituled *An Act for ſettling new Ferrys over* Pamunkey & Mattaponye *Rivers.* To which they deſire the Councils concurrence

And the ſaid Bills Were ſeverally Read the firſt time and

Ordered To be read a ſecond time

Preſent The Governor

A petition of the Upper Inhabitants of *St Pauls* pariſh in *New Kent* County Was read and Referr'd for conſideration when the Bill for dividing the pariſh of *Henrico* in the County of *Henrico* ſhall be Read the 2d time.

Preſent *Nathaniel Harriſon* Eſqr

The Managers for the Council went to the Conference. and

The Council Adjourned during pleaſure

AND

AND being mett again

Philip Ludwell Eſq^r from the free Conference with the Burgeſſes Reported the ſubject matter of the ſ^d Conference and that they having obtained a Copy of the Reſolve of the Houſe of Burgeſſes concerning the Frontiers (to which they deſire the Councils concurrence) he delivered the ſame in at the Table And that if the Council would join in An Addreſs to his Majeſty the Burgeſſes deſired to know of their Hon^rs in what manner they thought fitt to prepare the ſame.

Ordered

That the conſideration of the ſ^d Report be referred till Tomorrow morning

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Wedneſday November 23^d 1720

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, William Baſſett, William Byrd, John Lewis, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley Eſq^rs

The Council (according to order) proceeded to the conſideration of the Report of what was Offered by the Burgeſſes at the Conference yeſterday, And thereupon

Reſolved

That the Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes concerning the Frontiers are proper heads both for an Addreſs to his Majeſty and a Bill, with the following Explanations *viz*

That more proper Bounds may be found for the Southern County now to be erected, ſuch as were propoſed yeſterday at the Conference and which are referred to be conſidered by the Burgeſſes when the ſ^d Bill ſhall be prepared.

That the Pariſh of *St George* being erected in that part of this Colony which falls within the Northern County now to be erected be diſſolved, the priviledges granted to that pariſh being now given to the whole County.

That the Council will join with the Burgeſſes in preparing an Addreſs to his Majeſty, and that two of their Members ſhall be appointed for that purpoſe

Reſolved

That a free Conference be deſired with the Burgeſſes upon the Subject matter of the laſt free Conference, and that the former Managers now attend and manage the ſ^d Conference, and

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them therewith

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Clayton* and others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act for the more effectual preventing the tending of ſeconds*, and a Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Abraham Cock *to ſell certain Entailed Lands, and for ſettling other Lands to the ſame uſes*, to which they deſire the Council's concurrence.

Then the Managers went to the Conference

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the more effectual preventing the tending of ſeconds.*

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Abraham Cocke *to ſell certain Entailed Lands, and for ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes*

Were ſeverally Read the firſt time and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time

Philip Ludwell from the free Conference with the Burgeſſes Reported the ſubject matter of the ſ^d Conference and that the Councils Managers had delivered to thoſe of the houſe of Burgeſſes the ſev^ll heads agreed to be inſerted in the Bill to be prepared and in the Addreſs to his Ma^ty for the better ſecuring the paſſes of the great mountains.

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Thurſday

*Thurſday Novem*r 24th 1720

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entitd *An Act for dividing* Richmond *County* Read the 3d time and An Amendment being made thereto

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs as amended

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the fd Bill to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have paſſd the ſame with an Amendment to which they deſire the concurrence of that Houſe.

Ordered

That Mr Comry *Blair* & *Wm Byrd* Eſqr be appointed a Committee to joine wth the Committee of the Burgeſs in preparing the Addreſs to his Majeſty upon the Matters agreed on at the Conference.

A Bill Entd *An Act for dividing the pariſh of* Henrico *in the County of* Henrico Read the ſecond time and

Committed for Amendments

A petition of the Upper Inhabts of *St Pauls* pariſh in *New Kent* County was Read and

Referrd to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

A Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing* New Kent *County* Read the 2d time, and

Ordered to be read a third time

A Bill Entd *An Act giving a Reward for killing of Wolves, and repealing all other Acts relating thereto* Read the ſecond time, and

Committed for Amendments

Preſent The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genll Aſſembly carry the following Meſſage from the Governor to the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

Mr Speaker *and Gentn of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

I ſend you a petition . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 279.]

A Bill Entitd *An Act for ſettling new ferrys over* Pamunkey & Mattapony *Rivers* Read the 2d time, and

Committed for Amendments

A Bill Entd *An Act for the more effectual preventing the tending of ſeconds* Read the ſecond time, and

Committed for Amendments

A Bill Entitd *An Act to enable* Abraham Cocke *to ſell certain Entailed Lands and for ſettling other Lands to the ſame uſes* Read the 2d time, and

Ordered a third Reading

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Robinſon* & others That the Burgeſſes have appointed four of their members to join with the Committee of the Council in preparing an Addreſs to his Majeſty, who would attend on their Honrs at ſuch time as they ſhould appoint:

Alſo that their Houſe have agreed to their Honrs Amendmts to the Bill Entd *An Act for dividing* Richmond *County*, and had inſerted them therein

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Friday November the 25th 1720

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the more effectual preventing the tending of ſeconds* Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs

A Bill Ent^d *An Act giving a Reward for killing of Woolves & Repealing all other acts relating thereto* Read the third time with the Amendments

Resolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do pass

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for settling new Ferrys over* Pamunkey & Mattapony *Rivers* Read the third time with the Amendments

Resolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do pass

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for dividing* New Kent *County* Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill do pass

A Bill Entit^d *An Act to enable* Abraham Cocke *to sell certain entailed Lands and for settling other lands to the same uses* Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill do pass

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the s^d five Bills to the House of Burgesses and acquaint them with the Resolves of the Council thereupon and also desire their Concurrence to such Amendments as their Hon^rs have made to the s^d Bills

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Saturday November the 26th 1720

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The Council mett and Adjourned till *Munday* morning 10 aclock

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Munday November ye 28th 1720

Present

EDMUND JENNINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Wm Byrd, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley Esq^rs

The Council mett & Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Tuesday November the 29th 1720

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgesses to the Council by Mr *Hamelin* & others that the Burgesses had passed a Bill Entituled *An Act to divide those parts of the parishes of* Westover & Weyanoak *which ly on the Southside of* James *River from those parts of the s^d parish which ly on the North side the s^d River and for uniting* Westover & Weyanoak *parishes on the South side* James *River to* Martin Brandon *parish in the County of* Prince George *and for erecting a Chappel in* Bristoll *parish in the s^d County,* To which they desire the Councils concurrence.

And the s^d Bill was Read the first time, and

Ordered to be read a second time.

Present *Nathaniel Harrison* Esqr

A Message from the Burgesses to the Council by Mr *Clayton* & others that the Burgesses have agreed to their Hon^rs Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the more effectual*

effectual preventing the tending of ſeconds; and to the Bill Ent^d *An Act giving a Reward for killing of Woolves, and repealing all other acts relating thereto,* and have inſerted them in the ſ^d Bills

And the ſ^d Amendments being found rightly inſerted

Ordered

That the Clerk endorſe on the ſ^d Bills that they are agreed to as amended

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Wedneſday November the 30th 1720

Preſent

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Wm Byrd, Nathl Harriſon, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley* Eſq^rs

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Governor & Council by Mr *Clayton* & others That the Burgeſſes had paſſed a Reſolve for paying the Burgeſſes and all Charges of that Houſe out of the publick money at the rate of ten ſhillings per *Cent* for tobacco: Alſo a Reſolve for giving One hundred & fifty pounds for making Bridges & Cauſe ways in the principal ſtreet of the City of *Williamſburgh* To which Reſolves they deſire the concurrence of the Governor & Council:

Alſo that the Burgeſſes had agreed to the Councils Amendments to the Bill for ſettling new ferrys over *Pamunkey* & *Mattapony* Rivers, and had inſerted them therein;

And alſo that the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Ent^d *An Act for explaining and amending an Act Ent^d* An Act for appointing Rowling houſes & publick Landings and aſcertaining the prices of ſtoreage, To which they deſire the Councils concurrence.

The Council took into conſideration the Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes of the 21^ſt of *Novem^r* relating to the Northern Indians communicated at the free Conference the 23^d inſtant and thereupon

Reſolved

That the Council do agree with the Burgeſſes in the ſ^d Reſolves, ſo far as they relate to the treating with the Northern Indians.

Reſolved

That the Council do agree to joine in an Addreſs to the Governor upon the Subject matter of the ſ^d Reſolves, and that two of the Council be appointed to aſſiſt in preparing the ſ^d Addreſs

Ordered

That a Meſſage be ſent to the Burgeſſes to acquaint them that the Council do concurr with that Houſe in the Reſolve relating to treating with the Northern Indians and that they alſo agree to joine in an Addreſs to the Governor upon the Subject matter of the ſ^d Reſolves and have appointed two of their number to joine with ſuch Burgeſſes as that Houſe ſhall nominate to prepare the ſ^d Addreſs.

The Reſolve of the Houſe of Burgeſſes for giving One hundred & fifty pounds towards making bridges & Cauſeways in the Main Street of the City of *W^mſburgh* was read and agreed to by the Council.

And then the Governor ſigned his Aſſent to the ſ^d Reſolve.

A meſſage to the Council by Mr *Clayton* & others That the Burgeſſes had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act to explain & amend part of an act Entituled* An Act for regulating the Elections of Burgeſſes, for ſettling their priviledges & aſcertaining their Allowances, to which they deſire the Councils concurrence

A meſſage to the Council by Mr *Corbin* & others That the Burgeſſes had appointed four of their Members to joine with the Members appointed by the Council to prepare the Addreſs to the Governor mentioned in their Hon^rs Meſſage of this day

A Bill Entituled *An Act to explain & amend part of an act Entituled* An Act for regulating the Elections of Burgeſſes for ſettling their priviledges & aſcertaining their Allowances. Read the firſt time and

Ordered a ſecond Reading

A Bill Entituled *An Act for explaining & amending An Act Entituled* An Act for appointing Rowling houſes & publick Landings, & aſcertaining the prices of ſtoreage. Read the firſt time, and

Ordered a ſecond Reading

Philip Ludwell & Nathaniell Harriſon Eſq^rs^ are appointed Committees to join with the Burgeſſes in preparing the Addreſs to the Governor relating to the Northern Indians.

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Thurſday December 1^ſt^ 1720

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council mett & adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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*Friday Dec^r^* 2^d^ 1720.

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entit^d^ *An Act for dividing the pariſh of* Henrico *in the County of* Henrico.

Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen^ll^ Aſſembly carry the ſ^d^ Bill to the Burg^s^ and deſire their concurrence to the ſ^d^ Amendments.

A Bill Entit^d^ *An Act for explaining & amending An Act Entit^d^* An Act for appointing Rowling houſes & publick Landings and aſcertaining the prices of ſtoreage Read the ſecond time and

Ordered a third Reading

The Council having taken into conſideration the Reſolve of ye Burg^s^ of the 12th inſtant in theſe words

Reſolved

That the Burgeſſes Sallary and all the Charges of this Houſe be paid out of the publick money after the rate of ten ſhillings ℔ *Cent* for Tobacco

Reſolved

That the Council do agree to the ſaid Reſolve.

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Saturday December 3^d^ 1720

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council mett & Adjourned till *Munday* morning 10 aclock

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*Munday Decem^r^* 5th 1720

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Wm Byrd, Nath^ll^ Harriſon, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley Eſq^rs^

The Council mett & Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Tueſday

Tuesday December the 6th 1720

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A message from the Burgesses to the Council by Mr *Waller* and others that the Burgesses had passed a Bill Entitd *An Act for dividing* St Johns *parish in the County of* King William, to which they desire the Concurrence of the Council

A message from the Burgesses to the Council by Mr *Wm Randolph* & others that the Burgesses had agreed to part of the Amendments proposed by their Honrs to the Bill for dividing the parish of *Henrico* and to the other part had disagreed and desired their Honrs to pass the Bill with that Amendment only to which their House had agreed

A Message from the Burgesses to the Council by Mr *Stith* & others that the Burgesses had passed a Bill Entitd *An Act for enlarging* Charles City *County and for consolidating those parts of the parishes of* Westover *&* Weyanoak *which ly on the Northside* James *River, and that part of* Wallingford *parish on the Westside* Chickahominy *River*, to which they desire the Councils concurrence.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing* St Johns *parish in the County of* King William Read the first time, and

Ordered a second Reading

A Bill Entitd *An Act for enlarging* Charles City *County and for consolidating those parts of the parishes of* Westopher *&* Weyanoak, *on the Northside* James *River, and that part of* Wallingford *parish on the Westside* Chicahominy *River*

Read the first time, and

Ordered a second Reading

Present *William Bassett* Esqr

The Amendments to the Bill for dividing the parish of *Henrico* in the County of *Henrico* being taken into consideration

Resolved

That the Council do not insist on that part of their Amendments to the sd Bill to which the Burgesses have disagreed

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genll Assembly endorse on the sd Bill that the same is agreed to as amended.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for explaining & amending an Act Entituled* An Act for appointing Rowling houses and publick Landings, and ascertaining the prices of storeage. Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill do pass

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genll Assembly carry the sd Bill to the Burgesses and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the same without any Amendment

A petition of *Thomas Jefferson* Read and

Referred to the Consideration of the House of Burgesses.

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Wednesday December the 7th 1720

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgesses to the Council by Mr *Waller* & others who brought a Bill Entitd *An Act for altering the day of* Northampton *County Court*, to which they desire the Council's concurrence.

A Bill Entitd *An Act for altering the day of* Northampton *County Court* Read the first time, and

Ordered

Ordered a ſecond Reading

A Bill Entit^d *An Act to divide thoſe parts of the pariſhes of* Weſtopher & Weyanoak *which ly on the Southſide of* James *River from thoſe parts of the f^d pariſhes wch ly on the Northſide the f^d River and for uniting* Weſtover & Weyanoak *pariſhes on the Southſide* James *River to* Martin Brandon *pariſh in the County of* Prince George *and for erecting a Chappell in* Briſtoll *pariſh in the f^d County.*

Read the ſecond time and

Committed for amendments.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for enlarging* Charles City *County & for conſolidating thoſe parts of the pariſhes of* Weſtover & Weyanoak *on the Northſide* James *River, and that part of* Wallingford *pariſh on the Weſtſide* Chicahominy *River.* Read ye 2^d time &

Ordered a third Reading

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Clayton* & others that the Houſe paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act for the better diſcovery & ſecuring of his Ma^tys Q^tt Rents* to which they deſire the Councils concurrence.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better diſcovery & ſecuring of his Majeſtys Quitt Rents* Read the firſt time, and

Ordered a ſecond Reading

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Thurſday December the 8th 1720

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Governour was delivered by Mr *Clayton* & others as follows

To the hon^ble Alexander Spotſwood *His Maj^ties Lieuten^t Governour & Commander in Chief of* Virginia

May it pleaſe Your Honour

We having conſidered . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 292.]

To which the Governour anſwered That he would communicate the Reſolutions of the Houſe to the Governor of *Maryland* according to their deſire.

A Meſſage to the Council by Mr *Clayton* & others who brought three bills *viz* A Bill Entituled *An Act for erecting the Countys of* Spotſylvania *and* Brunſwick *& granting certain Exemptions & benefits to the Inhabitants thereof,* A Bill Entituled *An Act for appointing a ferry over* James *River to* Hog *Iſland and building a bridge over the Creek which ſeparates the f^d Iſland from the Main* and a Bill Entit^d *An Act for the building a Church in the pariſh of* Accomack. To which they deſire the Councils concurrence.

A Bill Entit^d *An Act for the better diſcovery & ſecuring of his Majeſty's Quitt Rents.* Read the ſecond time and

Committed for Amendments to *Robert Carter, W^m Baſſett, Nathaniell Harriſon* & *Peter Beverley* Eſq^rs

A Bill Entit^d *An Act for erecting the Countys of* Spotſylvania *and* Brunſwick, *and granting certain Exemptions & benefites to the Inhabitants thereof* Read the firſt time, and

Ordered a ſecond Reading

A Bill Entituled *An Act for appointing a ferry over* James *River to* Hog *Iſland, and building a bridge over the Creek which ſeperates the f^d Iſland from the Main.* Read the firſt time and

Ordered a ſecond Reading

A Bill Entituled *An Act for building a Church in the pariſh of* Accomack Read the firſt time and

Ordered a ſecond Reading

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Friday December the 9th 1720

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *An Act for enlarging* Charles City *County, and for confolidating thofe parts of the parifhes of* Weftopher & Weyanoak *on the Northfide* James *River, and that part of* Wallingford *parifh on the Weftfide* Chicahominy *River.* Read the third time and

A Debate arifing thereon The Queftion was put That the Bill do ly on the Table

It pafs'd in the Negative

Refolved

That the Bill do pafs

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Clayton* and others That their Houfe had pafs'd a Bill Entituled *An Act further declaring what fhall be accounted a fufficient Seating, planting Cultivating & improving Lands* to which they defire the Councils concurrence.

A Bill Entitd *An Act to divide thofe parts of the parifhes of* Weftopher & Weyanoak *which ly on the South fide* James *River from thofe parts of the fd parifhes which ly on the Northfide the fd River and for uniting* Weftopher & Weyanoak *parifhes on the Southfide* James *River to* Martin Brandon *parifh in the County of* Prince George, *and for erecting a Chappell in* Briftoll *parifh in the fd County.* Read the third time with the amendments

Refolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do pafs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing* St Johns *parifh in the County of* King William Read the third time

Refolved

That the Bill do pafs as amended

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the fd two Bills to the Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have pafs'd the fame with feveral Amendments to which they defire the concurrence of that Houfe.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to explain & amend part of an Act Entituled* An Act for regulating the Elections of Burgeffes for fettling their priviledges and for afcertaining their Allowances Read the fecond time and

A Debate arifing thereon

Ordered

That the Debate be Adjourned.

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Saturday December 10th 1720

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *An Act further declaring what fhall be accounted a fufficient feating planting Cultivating & Improving of Lands.*

Read the firft time and

Ordered a fecond Reading

A Bill Entituled *An Act for altering the day of* Northampton *County Court*

Read the fecond time and

Ordered a third Reading.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for erecting the Countys of* Spotfylvania *and* Brunfwick *and granting certain Exemptions & benefits to the Inhabitants thereof.* Read the fecond time, &

Committed for Amendments

A meffage from the Burgeffes to the Council by Mr *Waller* & others That the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendments propofed by their Honrs to the Bill Entituled

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An Act for dividing St Johns *Parish in the County of* King William And to the amendments to the Bill Entitd *An Act to divide those parts of the parishes of* Westopher & Weyanoak *which ly on the Southside* James *River from those parts of the fd parishes which ly on the Northside the fd River, and for uniting* Westopher & Weyanoak *parishes on the Southside* James *River to* Martin Brandon *parish in the County of* Prince George, *and for building a Chappell in* Bristoll *parish in the fd County* And had inserted the fd Amendmts accordingly

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genll Assembly endorse on the fd Bills that the same are agreed to as amended.

And then the Council Adjourned till *Munday* morning 10 aclock

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Munday December 12th 1720

Present

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Wm Byrd, Nathll Harrison, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley Esqrs

The Council mett and

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Tuesday December 13th 1720

Present

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, William Byrd, Wm Bassett, Nathl Harrison, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, Esqrs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for altering the day of* Northampton *County Court.* Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill do pass

A Bill Entituled *An Act for erecting the Countys of* Spotsylvania & Brunswick *and granting certain Exemptions and Benefits to the Inhabitants thereof.* Read the third time with the Amendments

Resolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do pass.

A message to the Council by Mr *Clayton* & others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act for supply of certain defects found in* an Act prescribing the method for appointing sherifs Also a Bill Entituled *An Act to empower* Henry Cary *Gent to finish the House of the Governor of the Colony & Dominion of* Virginia: Also an Address of the Council & Burgesses to his Majesty. To which they desire the Councils concurrence.

And further That they were commanded to inform their Honrs that their House had resolved to address the Governor that he would be pleased to intercede with the Admiralty of *Great Britain* that a Guard to the Trade may be established by a Naval fforce, and had appointed some of their Members to joine in preparing that Address with such of the Members of the Council as their Honrs shall appoint.

Resolved

That the Council will joine in preparing an Address to the Governor and that Mr *Commissary* and *William Byrd* Esqr be appointed in behalf of the Council for preparing the fd Address

The Address of the Council & Burgesses to his Majesty being Read, Was agreed to by the Council and is as follows

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The humble address of the Burgesses & Council of Virginia

May it please Yor Majesty

We Your Majestys most Dutifull . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 298, 299.]

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A meſſage to the Council from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Grymes* and others who brought a Reſolve of their Houſe to which they deſired the Councils concurrence.

The ſaid Reſolve being read, Was agreed unto by the Council as follows

Reſolved

That the Treaſurer of the Dutys on Liquors & Slaves be impowered to pay the Sum of four hundred ſixty nine pounds two ſhillings & nine pence half penny out of the money in his hands to the honble Governor *Spotſwood*

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry to the Houſe of Burgs the Bill Entituled *An Act for altering the day of* Northampton *County Court* together with the Addreſs of the Council & Burgeſſes to his Majeſty, and alſo the Reſolve of that Houſe for paying the Sum of four hundred ſixty nine pounds two ſhillings & nine pence half penny to the Honble Governor *Spotſwood*, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto wthout any Amendment

A Bill Entituled *An Act for ſupply of certain Defects found in* an act preſcribing the method for appointing Sherifs. and

A Bill Entituled *An Act to impower* Henry Cary *Gent to finiſh the houſe of the Governor of the Colony & Dominion of* Virginia

Were ſeverally Read the firſt time, and

Ordered a ſecond Reading

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Wedneſday December the 14th 1720

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, *Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Wm Byrd, William Baſſett, Nathll Harriſon, Mann Page, Peter Beverley* Eſqrs

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Clayton* & others who brought the Addreſs to his Majeſty fairly tranſcribed for their Honrs Signing

Preſent The Governour

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Governour by Mr *Grymes* & others who brought a Reſolve of the Houſe for paying to his Honr four hundred ſixty nine pounds two ſhillings & nine pence half penny.

To which Reſolve The Governor ſigned his Aſſent

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the building a Church in the pariſh of* Accomack. Read the ſecond time and

Committed for Amendments

Reſolved

That the Addreſs of the Council and Burgeſſes to his Majeſty, be ſigned by all the Council

And the ſame was ſigned accordingly

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genll Aſſembly return the ſaid Addreſs to the Burgeſſes for their Signing

Reſolved

That a Meſſage be prepared to be ſent to the Houſe of Burgeſſes recommending to them the Seamen ſent to *St Auguſtin* on the publick Service, and who had the Misfortune to be ſhip Wrecked & Loſt their Cloaths & Bedding

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Thurſday

Thurſday December 15th 1720

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A meſſage to the Council by Mr *Harriſon* & others who brought the Book of Publick Claims, to which they deſire the Councils concurrence.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for ſupply of certain defects found in the* Act preſcribing the method for appointing Sherifs Read the ſecond time and

Ordered a third Reading

A Bill Entituled *An Act to impower* Henry Cary *Gent to finiſh the houſe of the Governor of the Colony & Dominion of* Virginia. Read the ſecond time

Ordered a third Reading

Preſent *John Lewis* Eſqr

A Bill Entituled *An Act for building a Church in the pariſh of* Accomack

Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs.

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Governour & Council by Mr *Clayton* & others, who brought ſeveral Reſolves relating to the appointing an Agent to ſollicit the Affairs of this Colony in *Great Britain*; To which they deſire the concurrence of the Governour & Council.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better diſcovery & ſecuring of his Maſtys Quitt Rents* Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs as amended.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genll Aſſembly carry the two Bills this day paſs'd to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the one without Amendment and have made ſome Amendments to the other, to which they deſire the concurrence of that Houſe

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genll Aſſembly carry the following Meſſage to the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

The late Depredations committed . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 303.]

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Friday December the 16th 1720

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *An Act for ſupply of certain Defects found in the* Act preſcribing the method for appointing Sherifs.

Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

A Bill Entituled *An Act to impower* Henry Cary *Gent to finiſh the houſe of the Governor of the Colony & Dominion of* Virginia

Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genll Aſſembly carry the fd two Bills to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have paſs'd the ſame without Amendment

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The Council refumed the Adjourned Debate upon the Bill Entit^d *An Act to explain & amend part of an Act Entituled* An Act for regulating the Election of Burgeffes, for fettling their priviledges & afcertaining their Allowances.

And after fome time fpent therein

Refolved

That the Bill be committed for Amendments

And a motion being made that it be an Inftruction to the Committee appointed to amend the f^d Bill to infert a Claufe therein that the Right to vote of perfons taking the Oath prefcribed in this Act fhall not afterwards be queftioned upon any Complaints made of an undue Election

And the Queftion being put

That the f^d Amendments be made in the Bill

It pafs'd in the Negative

A meffage from the Burgeffes to the Governor & Council by Mr *Clayton* and others That the Houfe of Burgeffes upon a petition of the Veftry of *Bruton* parifh had refolved to enable the Veftry to defray the Charge of a Suit for determining the Right of Patronage between his Majefty and the f^d veftry, and for the prefent had given 60 pounds towards the fame To which they defire the Governor & Council's concurrence.

A meffage to the Council by Mr *Clayton* & others that the Burgeffes had agreed to all the Amendments propofed by their Hon^rs to the Bill Entituled *An Act for erecting the Countys of* Spotfylvania *and* Brunfwick *and granting certain Exemptions & benefites to the Inhabitants thereof*, Except the laft and defire the Council to pafs the Bill according to the Amendments agreed to by them

The Addrefs fent up from the Burgeffes Read and agreed to and

Ordered to be returned to the Burgeffes

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Saturday December the 17th 1720

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *An Act to explain & amend part of an Act Entituled* An Act for regulating the Elections of Burgeffes for fettling their priviledges & afcertaining their Allowances

Read the third time with the Amendments

Refolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do pafs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the f^d Bill to ye Burgeffes and defire their Concurrence to the faid Amendments.

The amendment difagreed to by the Burgeffes to the Bill Entituled *An Act for erecting the Countys of* Spotfylvania & Brunfwick, *and granting certain Exemptions & benefites to the Inhabitants thereof*, being taken into confideration

Refolved

That the Council do infift on their laft Amendment to the f^d Bill

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen^ll Affembly acquaint the Houfe of Burg^s that the Council do infift on that Amendment, and defire the Burgeffes to recede from their difagreement thereto.

The Amendments propofed by the Burgeffes to the Councils Amend^ts to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the better difcovery & fecuring of his Ma^tys Quitt Rents*, agreed to, and The 8th Amendment to which the Burgeffes difagreed being confidered

Refolved

That the Council do infift on the f^d Amendment

Ordered

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen[ll] Aſſembly carry the ſ[d] Bill to the Burg[s] and acquaint them the Council have agreed to their Amendments to the Councils Amendments and alſo do inſiſt on their 8th amendment to the Bill, and deſire that Houſe to recede from their diſagreement thereto

A Bill Entituled *An Act further declaring what ſhall be accounted a ſufficient ſeating planting Cultivating & improving of Lands.* Read the ſecond time &

Committed for Amendments

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes by M[r] *Clayton* & others, who brought the Bill Entituled *An Act for erecting the Countys of* Spotſylvania & Brunſwick *and granting certain Exemptions & benefits to the Inhabitants thereof,* And the Bill for the better diſcovery & ſecuring of his Ma[tys] Quitt Rents, and acquainted the Council that the Burgeſſes did not inſiſt on their diſagreement to the Councils Amendments to the ſ[d] Bills

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen[ll] Aſſembly endorſe on the ſ[d] Bills that the ſame are agreed to as amended.

And then the Council Adjourned till *Munday* morning 10 aclock.

Munday December the 19th 1720

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, W[m] Byrd, W[m] Baſſett, Peter Beverley Eſq[rs]

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes by M[r] *Willis* & others who brought two Reſolves of the Houſe, To which they deſire the Councils concurrence

And the ſ[d] Reſolves being read Were agreed to by the Council as follows *viz*

Reſolved

That the ſum of fifty pounds be paid the Speaker of this Houſe out of the money in the hands of the Treaſurer for his Services this Seſſion.

Reſolved

That the Sum of Twenty pounds be paid to M[r] *Clayton* Chairman of the Committee of Propoſitions & Grievances for his Expence & extraordinary Services this Seſſion.

Preſent *Nath[ll] Harriſon* Eſq[r]

A Bill Entituled *An Act further declaring what ſhall be accounted a ſufficient Seating planting Cultivating & improving of Lands*

Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genn[ll] Aſſembly carry the ſ[d] Bill to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have paſs'd the ſame with ſev[ll] Amendments to which they deſire the concurrence of the Houſe

A meſſage to the Council by M[r] *Grymes* & others that the Houſe had paſs'd the Treaſurers Acco[ts], and deſire their Hon[rs] concurrence thereto.

A meſſage to the Council by M[r] *Clayton* and others That the Burg[s] had agreed to the Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act to explain and amend part of an Act Entit[d]* An Act for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes, & for ſettling their priviledges & aſcertaining their Allowances, And had inſerted them therein

Ordered

That the Clerk endorſe the Councils Agreement to the ſ[d] Bill as amended.

The Council proceeded to conſider the Book of Claims, and the ſame being read, was agreed to

Preſent The Governor

The Treaſurers Accompts being peruſed, Were agreed to by the Council. A petition of *Thomas Jones* in behalf of himſelf and the other Members of the late *Virginia* Indian Company,

Company, together with an account of money diſburſed by the ſ^d^ Company for the ſervice and by Order of the Government Were read

Ordered

That the ſ^d^ petition and Acc^t^ be referred to *James Blair, Philip Ludwell & John Lewis* Eſq^rs^ to examine the ſame and report their opinion thereon

A Reſolve of the Houſe of Burgeſſes for defraying the Charge of proſecution for aſcertaining the Right of patronage of the pariſh Church of *Bruton*

Read and agreed to by the Council

And then the Governor ſigned his Aſſent thereto

The Governor Abſent

The Council taking into conſideration the Reſolve of the Houſe of Burgeſſes relating to the appointment of a perſon to ſollicit the Affairs of this Colony in *Great Britain* and the Nomination of *Wm Byrd* Eſq^r^ for that Imployment Mr *Preſident* gave in the following Meſſage from the Governor

Gentlemen of the Council

You have now under yor conſideration the paſſing a Reſolve of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, which was carryed in their Houſe by the Speaker's Vote only, and whereby it's declared that it is neceſſary to appoint ſome proper perſon to Solicit in *Great Brittain* certain affairs of this Government, and all ſuch other Matters as may hereafter be agreed on by this General Aſſembly Whereupon I take occaſion to obſerve to you how far ſuch a proceeding will be conformable to our Sovereigns pleaſure already ſignified to us or conſiſtent with the nature of ye truſt Lodged in a Governor, Throughout the whole body of my Inſtructions you may obſerve if you pleaſe That you know (I redily ofer them to your peruſal) that my orders are to tranſmitt to his Majeſty all occurencies of this Government through the Channel either of the Lords Comiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, or of one of the Principal Secretaries of State and in no caſe am I directed to allow the General aſſembly to interpoſe a perſon of there creation, through whoſe hands muſt be conveyed any perticulars of the adminiſtration here, nay Expreſſly to the contrary, both the late Queen and his preſent Majeſty have ſo markably diſcouraged and forbid the attempt as well here, has [as] in other governments in *america*, And certainly ſo long as a prince holds a man whorthy to ye Chief rule of a province he will think him the idleſt perſon to make report of the Circumſtances thereof and whilſt the Governors honour lyes at ſtake for the truth of his Repreſentation, and he is the onely perſon in ye Government Accountable at his peril for any Tranſaction that may be concealed from his royal Mother [Maſter] it would be hard to ſubject him in that part of his Duty to the Directions and Control of others eſpecially of thoſe whoſe conduct and actions muſt frequently prove the main Subject that Governor has to treat of

You perhaps tell me that I my ſelf once propoſed that appointment of Mr *Byrd* to lay certain Matters before his Majeſty; its true: yet give me leave to make my diſtinction between his negotiating affairs of Government, and his deſcribing y^e^ ſoil and ſituation of a Country; by that he would apper under the Character of a publick agent by this he could paſs for no more than a Traveller,

However if you continue deſirous that Mr *Byrd* when he goes home ſhould ſolicit ſome certain matters in behalf of this Government, I will agree thereto, Provided he receive all his Inſtructions from me, and will enter into Strict Bond not to meddle therewith any other affair of this government than what ſhall be contained in his ſaid Inſtructions

And thereupon an Amendment being propoſed to the ſ^d^ Reſolve

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen^ll^ Aſſembly carry the ſ^d^ Reſolves to the Burgeſſes and deſire their concurrence to the Amendments propoſed by the Council thereto

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Tueſday

Tuesday December the 20th 1720

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A message to the Council by Mr *Merriwether* & others who brought a Resolve of the Burgesses for paying unto the Clerk of that House for each Copy of the Laws of this Session which he shall deliver to the respective Countys, To which they desire the Councils concurrence.

The said Resolve was read & agreed to by the Council

And the Governor signed his Assent thereto.

Present *Cole Digges* Esqr

The Governor signed his Assent to the Treasurers Accompts.

A petition of the Inhabitants of *James City* parish, and also

A petition of the Inhabitants of the Lower part of *Wilmington* parish praying to be added to the sd parish of *James City*

Were read, and

Referr'd to the consideration of the House of Burgesses.

The Governor having signed his Assent to the book of Claims

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genll Assembly carry the same to the Burgesses, & acquaint them that the Governor & Council have pass'd the same wthout Amendment

Mr *Clayton* & others from the House of Burgesses, delivered the following Message to the Governor & Council *viz*

By the House of Burgesses

To the Honble Alexander Spotswood *his Majestys Lieut Govr and to the Honble the Council of* Virginia

May it please Yor Honrs

We having deliberately considered . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 306.]

Mr *Clayton* also delivered sundry Resolves and the Draught of an Address to the Governor relating to the security and defence of the Harbours to which the Burgesses desire the Council's concurrence.

And the sd Resolves being read, Were agreed to by the Council as follows

Resolved

That the Sum of Two hundred pounds be paid to Capt *Martin* for his good Services on the Expedition to *St Augustin.*

Resolved

That the Sum of Two hundred pounds be given to be divided by order of the Governor & Council among those persons or the Widows of them who went under Capt *Martin* to *St Augustin*

The Governor signed his Assent to the said Resolves

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Wednesday December the 21st 1720

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The Draught of the Address of the Council & Burgesses sent up yesterday was read and an Amendment made thereto

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genll Assembly carry the sd Address to the Burgesses and desire their Concurrence to the sd Amendment

The Amendment proposed by the Burgesses to the Councils Amendment to the Bill further declaring what shall be accounted a sufficient seating planting Cultivating & Improving of Lands, being considered

Resolved

Refolved

That the Council do not agree to the fd Amendment.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen Affembly go to the Houfe of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council do not agree to the fd Amendment.

A motion being made

That the Bill Entituled *An Act for appointing a ferry over* James *River to* Hog *Ifland, and building a Bridge over the Creek wch feperates the fd Ifland from the Main,* be read a fecond time

It pafs'd in the Negative.

Refolved

That the fd Bill ly on the Table.

A meffage to the Governor by Mr *Clayton* & others who prefented the following Anfwer to his Honrs Meffage of the 19th inftant

To the Honble Alexander Spotfwood *Lieut Governor of* Virginia

Sir

Having taken into our confideration . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 309.]

A Meffage to the Council by Mr *Clayton* & others That the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendment propofed to the Refolve of that Houfe relating to the appointing Mr *Byrd* to follicit in *England* certain Affairs of this Government, And had inferted the fame therein

Alfo that the Burgeffes had receded from their Amendment to the Council's Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act further declaring what fhall be accounted a fufficient feating planting Cultivating & Improving of Lands.* And alfo

That the Burgeffes had caufed the Addrefs to the Governor relating to the five Nations of Indians, And that relating to the Defence of the Harbours, to be fairly tranfcribed and figned by their Speaker, and had fent them to their Honrs for their figning. And that the Houfe had Ordered them to wait on their Honrs to know in what manner they fhall think fitt to prefent the fd Addreffes to the Governor.

Ordered

That the fd Addreffes be figned by the Prefident in behalf of the Council.

Ordered

That *Philip Ludwell, William Byrd & Cole Digges* Efqrs be appointed to joine with the Committee of the Burgeffes to wait on the Governor, to know his pleafure when & where he will be attended with the fd Addreffes, and that a Meffage be fent to the Burgeffes to acquaint them therewith.

A meffage to the Council by Mr *Blair* & others, who brought two Refolves, to which they defire the Council's concurrence.

Ordered

That the Clerk endorfe on the Bill Entituled *An Act further declaring what fhall be accounted a fufficient feating, planting, Cultivating & Improving Lands,* that the fame is agreed to as amended.

The Refolves of the Burgeffes being read Were feverally agreed to by the Council and are as follows *Viz*

Refolved

That the money Allowances in the Book of Claims be paid out of the money in the hands of the Treafurer.

Refolved

That the fum of five fhillings out of the money in the hands of the Treafurer be paid to the Clerk of the Houfe of Burgeffes for the copy of the Proportions of this Seffion to be fent to the refpective Countys, amounting in the whole to fix pounds five fhillings, and that the Governor be defired to iffue his Warrant for the fd Sum.

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Thurfday

Thurſday December the 22d 1720

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

Philip Ludwell Eſqr reported that the perſons appointed had waited on the Governor to know when he would be attended with the Addreſſes of the Aſſembly and that his Honr had appointed this day at one aclock in the Council Chamber.

Mr Comry *Blair* from the Committee appointed to conſider the petition and accot of *Thomas Jones* Reported the Subject matter of the ſd petition and Accompt which he delivered in at the Table where the ſame was read.

Reſolved

That the Conſideration of the ſd Report be referr'd till the next Seſſion of Aſſembly

A meſſage to the Council by Mr *Clayton* & others That the Burgeſſes had prepared a Duplicate of the Addreſs to the King, and that the Speaker had ſigned it, and deſired that it may be ſigned by the Preſident in behalf of the Council

And alſo That the Burgeſſes deſire to know what Members their Honrs would appoint to wait on the Governor to know his pleaſure when the ſd Addreſs ſhall be preſented to his Honr that they may appoint ſome of their Houſe to joine therein.

Reſolved

That the Duplicate of the Addreſs to his Majeſty be ſigned by Mr Preſident *Jenings* in behalf of the Council

A meſſage to the Governour & Council by Mr *Randolph* & others that the Burgeſſes had paſs'd the Book of Proportions of the Publick Levy To wch they deſire the Governour & Council's concurrence.

A meſſage to the Council by Mr *Randolph* & others That the Burgeſſes had paſs'd a Bill Entituled *An Act for raiſing a publick Levy*; To which they deſire the Council's concurrence.

Ordered

That the perſons who prepared the Addreſs to the King, together with *Nathaniel Harriſon* & *Cole Digges* Eſqrs, joine with ſuch Members as the Burgeſſes ſhall appoint to wait on the Governor to know his pleaſure when he will receive the ſd Addreſs to the King.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genll Aſſembly acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes therewith

The Book of Proportions of the Publick Levy being peruſed, was agreed to

And the Governor ſigned his Aſſent thereto

A Bill Entitd *An Act for raiſing a publick Levy* Read the firſt time, and

Ordered a ſecond Reading

The Houſe of Burgeſſes attending the Governor

Mr *Speaker* in name of the Council and Burgeſſes preſented to his Honr the Addreſs relating to the Treaty with the five Nations in theſe words *Viz*

To The Honble Alexander Spotſwood *His Majeſtys Lieut Governor & Commander in Chief of* Virginia

The humble addreſs of the Council and Burgeſſes of this preſent General Aſſembly

Sir

We the Council & Burgeſſes . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 300.]

To which the Governor anſwered

Gentlemen of the Council & Houſe of Burgeſſes

I can be at no Loſs how to act when you are unanimous in yor Advice and I ſhall endeavour to ſatisfy their Lordps of the reaſonableneſs of your opinion now given

Then the Speaker preſented the Addreſs relating to the Security of the Harbours in this Colony, as follows

To

To the Honble Alexander Spotſwood *His Majeſty's Lieu^t Governor & Commander in Chief of* Virginia

The humble Addreſs of the Council & Burgeſſes

Sir

We his Majeſtys moſt Dutifull . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 310.]

To which Addreſs The Governor was pleaſed to reply

Gentlemen

My Sentiments do . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 313.]

The Governor ſigned his Aſſent to the Reſolves ſent up yeſterday from the Burgeſſes

A Bill Entituled *An Act for raiſing a publick Levy.* Read the ſecond time and

Ordered a third Reading

A Bill Entituled *An Act for raiſing a publick Levy*, Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen^ll Aſſembly carry the ſ^d bill to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have paſſed the ſame without amendment.

Mr Commiſſary *Blair* Reported That the perſons appointed together with the Burgeſſes had waited on the Governor, and that his Hon^r was pleaſed to appoint to receive the Addreſs to the King when he ſent for the Houſe to preſent the Bill paſs'd this Seſſion.

A meſſage to the Council by Mr *Bouſh* and others who brought the Inrolled Bills for the Council's peruſal

And the Council having peruſed the ſame

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen^ll Aſſembly return the ſaid Bills to the Burgeſſes

And then the Council Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Friday December 23^d 1720

Preſent

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, William Byrd, Nath^ll Harriſon, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley* Eſq^rs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen^ll Aſſembly carry the following Meſſage from the Governour to the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

Your Meſſage relating the Reſolve . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 313.]

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen^ll Aſſembly carry the following Meſſage from the Governour to the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Mr Speaker *& Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

It is with the greateſt Reluctancy . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 315.]

Abſent *Philip Ludwell & Wm Byrd* Eſq^rs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen^ll Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes & acquaint them that the Governour commands their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber, and that they bring with them the Bills that are ready for his Aſſent

Accordingly the Speaker with the Houſe came up, and preſented the following Bills agreed to this Seſſion, and the Governor was pleaſed to give Aſſent thereto *Viz* . . . . . [For titles of the eighteen acts, ſee J. of H. of B., p. 315-316.]

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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[*May* the 9th, 1722.]

Prefent

THE Honble *Alexander Spotfwood* His Majefties Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, *Edmund Jenings*, *Philip Ludwell*, *Nathaniel Harrifon*, *Cole Digges* & *Peter Beverley* Efq^rs

The Governor being informed that the Houfe of Burgeffes were mett

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go to the Houfe of Burgeffes, and Command their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeffes attending, The Governor made the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council and Houfe of Burgeffes

So foon as I underftood . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1712-1726, pp. 319-320.]

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry to the Houfe of Burgeffes the feveral papers mentioned and referrd to in the Governor's Speech

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Thurfday May the 10th 1722

Prefent

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings*, *Philip Ludwell*, *Nathaniel Harrifon*, *Cole Digges*, *Peter Beverley*, *John Robinfon* Efq^rs

Sundry Propofitions from the County of *Hannover*, Were Read, and Referrd to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes

A petition of the Veftry of *Chrift* Church parifh in *Middlefex* County, praying they may be enabled by Law to take fuch Meafures as may effectually enable them to encourage Mr *Bartholemew Yates* their Minifter to continue in the faid parifh Read &

Referrd to the confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes

Abfent The Governor

Refolved

That the Confideration of the Governor's Speech be referrd till Tomorrow morning

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Friday May the 11th 1722

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council (according to Order) proceeded to the Confideration of the Governor's Speech And the fame being Read

Refolved

That an Addrefs be prepared to the Governor on the Subject Matter of his Speech, And that *Peter Beverley* and *John Robinfon* Efq^rs do prepare and bring in the Same

And

And an Addreſs being prepared accordingly Was Read Approved and

Ordered to be fairly tranſcribed

Ordered that *Cole Digges* and *John Robinſon* Eſq^rs wait on the Governor to know his pleaſure when and where he will be attended with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered

That the ſaid Addreſs be Sign'd by all the Council now preſent

Cole Digges Eſq^r Reported That the Governor had been pleaſed to appoint this day at one aclock in the Council Chamber to receive the Addreſs of the Council

Preſent The Governor

Mr Preſident *Jenings* in the Name of the Council preſented their Addreſs to the Governor which is as follows

Sir

We his Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Council of this Colony and Dominion now mett in General Aſſembly, beg leave to return you our humble and unfeigned thanks for the favour of your Speech on *Wedneſday* laſt, wherein We cannot but obſerve a freſh teſtimony how much you have at heart the proſperity of his Majeſties Subjects here.

Your Wiſdom in pointing out, and your Watchfulneſs in timing the matters recommended, are plain Inſtances of our happineſs in having ſuch a Governor, the good Effects of whoſe prudent Adminiſtration have already been experienced and may hereafter be expected with Aſſurance.

The benefits that may accrue to this Colony by raiſing Naval Stores; by Sending Commiſſioners to *Albany*, by treating with the five Nations of Indians there in a Suitable manner, by neceſſary Aſſiſtance for that purpoſe; and by eſtabliſhing wholſom Rules, how to act in caſe of a viſible Approach of that Malignant Contagion with which ſome parts of *Europe* are now viſited, We hope will be all duly conſidered by the preſent Aſſembly; And We do aſſure you that We ſhall not be Wanting on our parts to join in any meaſures wch ſhall be thought proper and convenient about the ſame, and to bring this Seſſion to an happy & ſpeedy concluſion.

To which the Governor was pleaſed to anſwer

Gentlemen

I am extremely pleaſed to find that the Council ſo well approve of all I have thought proper to offer to this Aſſembly And you have ſo handſomly expreſſed yourſelves on this occaſion that I not only return you my hearty thanks, but have alſo ſome reaſon to be proud of yor Anſwer to my Speech.

Sundry Propoſitions from the Countys of *King & Queen & King William* were preſented and read, and

Referr'd to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

A petition of *James Adams* Interpreter to the *Pamunkey* and *Chicahominy* Indians for his uſual Salary Read &

Referr'd to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Governor by Mr *Clayton* and others, that the Houſe had prepared an Addreſs to thank his Honour for his Speech and had appointed them to wait on his Honour to know when and where he will be attended with the ſaid Addreſs

To which the Governor anſwered That he ſhould be ready to receive it Tomorrow morning at 10 aclock in the Council Chamber

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Saturday May the 12th 1722

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Houſe of Burgeſſes attending the Governor, Mr *Speaker* Read and preſented the following Addreſs

To

To The Hon[ble] Alexander Spotſwood *his Majeſties Lieuten*[t] *Governor & Commander in Chief of* Virginia

The humble Addreſs of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

May it pleaſe Your Honour

His Majeſties moſt Dutiful . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 323.]

To which the Governor made Anſwer

M[r] Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

I kindly thank you . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 325.]

A petition of *Chichely Corbin Thacker* Clerk of the Secretary's Office praying his uſual Allowance for publick Services, Read and

Referrd to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by M[r] *M*[c]*Carty* and others, That the Burgeſſes in looking over their Journal of the year 1718 find there a Reſolve for paying three hundred pounds to *William Byrd* Eſq[r] Which Money not being then paid, they have now paſs'd a Reſolve that it ſhould be paid now out of the publick Money in the hands of *Peter Beverley* Eſq[r] and do deſire the Councils concurrence to that Reſolve.

Ordered

That the ſaid Reſolve ly upon the Table to be conſidered.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till *Munday* Morning 10 aclock

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Munday May the 14th 1722

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, *Philip Ludwell, Nath*[l] *Harriſon, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley & John Robinſon* Eſq[rs]

The Council having Nothing before them

Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Tueſday May the 16th [15th] 1722

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, *Robert Carter, Philip Ludwell, Nathaniel Harriſon, Mann Page, Peter Beverley & John Robinſon* Eſq[rs]

A petition of divers Merchants & Maſters of Ships trading to this Colony was preſented and Read Complaining of divers frauds & Abuſes in the packing of Tobacco and praying Relieff therein,

Ordered

That the ſaid petition be Referr'd to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burg[s]

Sundry Propoſitions from *Surry* County were Read &

Referr'd to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Wedneſday May the 16th 1722

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, *Robert Carter, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, William Baſſett, Nathaniel Harriſon, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon* Eſq[rs]

The Council Mett &

Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Thurſday

Thurſday May the 17th 1722

Preſent

THE Governor and All the Council

A petition of the Inhabitants of *Williamſburgh* praying a Duty may be laid for repairing the Roads to the ſaid City, Read &

Referr'd to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

The Council proceeded to the conſideration of the Report of the Committee, made laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly on the petition and Accompt of *Thomas Jones* in behalf of the late *Virginia* Indian Company, And thereupon

Reſolved

That it is the opinion of this Board that the 2d Article of the ſd Accompt is upon the ſame reaſon as the other Article for repairing the ſd Fort, and ought to be allowed, being laid out for the Service of the Government.

Reſolved

That the 7th Article for maintaining the Indian Hoſtages from the 1ſt of *April* till the 12th of *November* 1717 that the Company was diſſolved ought to be allow'd as being of equal benefit to the Country as the other Articles for maintaining the ſaid Hoſtages which the Burgeſſes have agreed to diſcharge.

Reſolved

That the Report of the Committee on the other Articles of the ſaid Accompt be agreed to.

Ordered

That a Meſſage be prepared to be ſent to the Burgeſſes together with the ſaid Accompt

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Friday May the 18th 1722

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Clayton* and others That the Houſe had unanimouſly agreed to give the Governor One thouſand pounds to enable him to make the intended Embaſſy to *Albany*, To Which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

Preſent The Governor

A petition of divers Inhabitants of *Chriſt* Church pariſh in *Middleſex* County, praying that no Law may paſs for enlarging the Salary of the Miniſter of the ſaid pariſh. Read and

Referr'd to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Saturday May the 19th 1722

preſent

AS YESTERDAY

Reſolved

That the Council will on *Tueſday* next take into conſideration the Reſolve of the Houſe of Burgeſſes for paying £300 to *William Byrd* Eſqr

And then the Council Adjourned till *Tueſday* next 10 aclock in the Morning.

Tueſday

Tuesday May the 22d 1722

Present

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings, Philip Ludwell, William Baffett, Nathaniel Harrifon & Peter Beverley* Efqrs

A Meffage to the Council from the Burgeffes by Mr *Harrifon* & others who brought a Refolve for payment of £17: 2: 3 to Mr *John Holloway*, to which they defire the Councils concurrence.

Ordered

That a Bill be prepared for punifhment of Mutinous and difobedient Seamen and that *Philip Ludwell* and *Peter Beverley* Efqrs do prepare and bring in the fame.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes to the Council by Mr *Clayton* and others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act for amending the* Act concerning Servants and Slaves *and for the better Government of Convicts imported, and for the further preventing the clandeftine tranfportation of perfons out of this Colony;* And alfo a Bill Entituled *An Act for Settling new Ferrys over* Rappahannock *and* Pamunkey *Rivers;* To which they defire the Councils concurrence.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes to the Council by Mr *Robinfon* and others, who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Francis Smith *to convey certain entailed Lands to* John Spicer *Gent in fee Simple; upon the faid* Spicers *conveying other Lands therein mentioned to the fame ufes;* To which they defire the Councils concurrence.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for amending the* Act concerning Servants and Slaves *and for the better Government of Convicts imported, and for the further preventing the clandeftine tranfportation of perfons out of this Colony.* Read the firft time

Ordered

That the faid Bill be read a Second time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for fettling new ferrys over* Rappahannock *&* Pamunkey *Rivers* Read the firft time and

Ordered to be read a Second time.

Prefent *Robert Carter* and *John Lewis* Efqrs

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Francis Smith *to convey certain entailed Lands to* John Spicer *Gent in fee Simple upon the faid* Spicers *conveying other Lands therein mentioned to the fame Ufes.* Read the firft time &

Ordered to be read a fecond time

Prefent *John Robinfon* Efqr

Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock,

Wednefday May the 23d 1722

Prefent

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings, Robert Carter, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, William Baffett, Nathaniel Harrifon, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley & John Robinfon* Efqrs

The Council took into confideration the Refolve of the Houfe of Burgeffes of the 10th inftant fent up on the 12th by Mr *McCarty* and others; And the fame being read and

The Queftion being put

That the faid Refolve be agreed to

It was carryed in the Affirmative. And thereupon

The faid Refolve is agreed to as follows

Refolved

That the Sum of three hundred pounds be paid to *William Byrd* Efqr, out of the publick money in the hands of *Peter Beverley* Efqr Treafurer, according to the Refolve of the Houfe of Burgeffes in the year 1718

And

And upon conſideration of a Reſolve of the Houſe of Burgeſſes of the 17th inſtant

Reſolved Nemine contradicente

That the Sum of One thouſand pounds be given the Governor to enable him to make the intended Embaſſy to *Albany*.

And upon conſideration of a Reſolve of the Houſe of Burgeſſes of the 15th inſtant The Council being informed by the Votes of that Houſe that the money therein mentioned is for money expended in repairing the Streets of *Williamſburgh* over and above the £150. given laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly for that Service

Reſolved

That the Council do agree with the Burgeſſes That the Sum of £17: 2: 3 be paid to Mr *John Holloway* out of the money in the hands of *Peter Beverley* Eſqr Treaſurer

Ordered

That the ſaid Reſolve be returned to the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the following Meſſage from the Council to the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

A petition having been delivered . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 335-336.]

A Bill Entituled *An Act for amending the* Act concerning Servants and Slaves and for the better Government of Convicts imported, and for the further preventing the clandeſtine tranſportation of perſons out of this Colony Read the ſecond time and

Committed for Amendments

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* ffrancis Smith *to convey certain entailed Lands to* John Spicer *Gent in fee ſimple upon the ſaid* Spicers *conveying other Lands therein mentioned to the ſame uſes* Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered a third Reading

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Thurſday May the 24th 1722

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* & others That the Burgeſſes had paſs'd a Bill Entituled *An Act for further improving the Staple of Tobacco;* A Bill for the more effectual clearing of Rivers and Creeks, and a Bill for amending the Breed of Horſes; To which they deſire the Council's concurrence.

Alſo that the Burgeſſes had come to a Reſolution that the Governors preſence in the Province of *New York* during the intended Treaty at *Albany* will be greatly for the benefite of this Colony, and had Ordered an Addreſs to be prepared to the Governor thereon, and had appointed them to wait on their Honours deſiring them to join with the Burgeſſes in that Addreſs, And if they do, that the Council will Appoint a Committee to join with the Burgeſſes in preparing the ſame.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Merriweather* and others who brought a Reſolve for aſcertaining the Bounds of *Hannover* and *Henrico* Countys; To which they deſire the Councils concurrence.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the further improving the Staple of Tobacco.* Read the firſt time and

Ordered a Second Reading

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the more effectual clearing of Rivers and Creeks.* Read the firſt time and

Ordered a ſecond reading

A Bill Entituled *An Act for amending the Breed of Horſes.* Read the firſt time, and

Ordered a ſecond reading

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The Reſolve of the Houſe of Burgeſſes for aſcertaining the bounds of *Hannover* & *Henrico* Countys being read was agreed to as follows

Reſolved

That the Surveyors of the Countys of *Henrico* and *Hannover* with two perſons to be appointed by each of the Courts of the ſaid Countys do lay out a dividing Line for the ſaid Countys at the equal charge of each of the ſaid Countys, and if they agree, that the ſame ſhall be marked for the bounds of the ſaid Countys, And if they diſagree, that they make their Report to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 10 aclock.

Friday May the 25th 1722

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, John Lewis, William Baſſett, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley & John Robinſon Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *McCarty* and others that the Burgeſſes had paſs'd a Bill Entituled *An Act for the building a Church in* Accomack *County*, and a Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* John Blinco *to ſell certain entailed Lands upon his ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes.* To which they deſire the Councils concurrence.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the building a Church in the pariſh of* Accomack. Read the firſt time, and

Ordered a ſecond Reading

A Bill entituled *An Act to enable* John Blinco *to ſell certain entailed Lands, upon his ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes.* Read the firſt time and

Ordered a Second Reading

Nathaniel Harriſon Eſqr preſent

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the further improving the Staple of Tobacco.* Read the ſecond time and

Committed for Amendments

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Clayton* & others That the Burgess had paſs'd a Bill Entituled *An Act for encouraging of Naval Stores;* To which they deſire the Councils concurrence.

Reſolved

That the Council do agree to joine with the Burgeſſes in addreſſing the Governor on the Subject Matter of the Burgeſſes Meſſage of Yeſterday; And that a Committee be appointed to joine in preparing the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered

That *Robert Carter* & *Nathaniel Harriſon* Eſqr be appointed of that Committee

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes, & acquaint them, that the Council do agree to join in addreſſing the Governor upon the Subject matter of their Meſſage of Yeſterday, and that they have appointed two of their Members as Committees will be ready to meet thoſe of the Burgeſſes tomorrow morning 8 aclock in the Conference room.

Ordered

That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee to offer to the Burgeſſes that they will take ſome Meaſures for defraying the Governors Charges on his laſt Journey to *New York* which laid the foundation of the preſent intended Treaty at *Albany* before he be addreſſed to undertake another Journey thither.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for encouraging of Naval Stores.* Read the firſt time &

Ordered a ſecond Reading

A Bill Entituled *An Act for amending the Breed of Horſes.* Read the ſecond time &

Ordered a third Reading

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the more effectual clearing of Rivers and Creeks.* Read the second time, and

Ordered a third Reading

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Saturday May the 26th 1722

Present

AS YESTERDAY

Robert Carter Esqr from the Committee appointed to join in preparing an Address to the Governor, Reported that they had mett the Committee of the Burgesses, and had communicated to them the Instruction they had from the Council; and that exceptions having been taken by the Burgesses to the method proposed in the said Instruction, they had proceeded no further, but desired first to consult the Council therein and then to meet again.

Upon consideration of which Report It is the opinion of the Council that the said Committee do only propose the decency of giving the Governor Assurance of defraying the charge of his last Journey previous to the Addressing him to undertake another Journey, and that the Burgesses be desired to Report the same to their House.

Absent *Robert Carter & Nathaniel Harrison* Esqrs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the more effectual clearing of Rivers & Creeks.* Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill do pass.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Francis Smith *to convey certain entailed Lands to* John Spicer *Gent in fee Simple upon the said* Spicer'*s conveying other Lands therein mentioned to the Same Uses.* Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill do pass.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for encouraging of Naval Stores.* Read the second time, and Committed for Amendments.

Robert Carter Esqr Reported that the Committee of the Council had again mett the Burgesses and had communicated to them what they were entrusted in And that the Burgesses had undertaken to report it to their House, and would meet the Council again when the House shall come to a Resolution therein.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for amending the* Act concerning Servants and Slaves, *and for the better government of Convicts imported, and for the further preventing the clandestine Transportation of persons out of this Colony*

Read the third time with the Amendments.

Resolved

That the Bill as amended be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Bill to the Burgesses and desire their Concurrence to the Amendments made thereto: and also the two Bills above pass'd together with the Resolve for runing the dividing Line between the Countys of *Hannover* & *Henrico* and acquaint them that the Council have pass'd the sd Bills & Resolve without any Amendment

And then the Council Adjournd till *Munday* morning 10 aclock.

Munday May the 28th 1722

Present

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, Philip Ludwell, Nathaniel Harrison, Peter Beverley, John Robinson Esqrs

A Message from the Burgesses to the Council by Mr *Clayton* and others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act for vesting the Fee Simple Estate of certain Lands in* William Beverley *of the County of* King & Queen *Gent upon certain considerations therein mentioned;* To which they desire the Councils concurrence.

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A Bill Entituled *An Act for vesting the Fee Simple Estate of certain Lands in* William Beverley *of the County of* King & Queen *Gent, upon certain considerations therein mentioned* Read the first time, and

Ordered to be read a second time on *Thursday* next

Ordered

That *Harry Beverley* Gent have notice to appear before the Council at the second Reading of the said Bill, if he hath any thing to object thereto.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for building a Church in the parish of* Accomack. Read the second time, and Amended, and

Ordered

That the Bill with the Amendment be read a third time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* John Blinco *to Sell certain Intailed Lands upon his settling other Lands to the same Uses.* Read the second time and Amended, and

Ordered a third Reading

Philip Ludwell Esqr Reported that the persons appointed had prepared a Bill for punishing Mutinous and disobedient Seamen and for the more Speedy determination of Controversys arising between Masters of Ships and their Crew. And the said Bill was received and Read the first time, and

Ordered a Second Reading

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Tuesday May the 29th 1722

Present

EDMUND JENINGS, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, Nathaniel Harrison, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinson Esq^rs

A Message from the Burgesses to the Council by Mr *Clayton* and others

That the Burgesses had agreed to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill Entituled *An Act for amending the* Act concerning Servants and Slaves, *and for the better Government of Convicts imported and for the further preventing the clandestine transportation of persons out of this Colony* and had inserted the said Amendments in the bill: Also that they had pass'd a Bill Entituled *An Act to oblige Ships coming from places infected with the plague to perform their Quarentine* to which they desire the Councils concurrence.

Ordered

That the Clerk endorse on the said first mentioned Bill that the same is pass'd as amended.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Blair* and others that the House had pass'd a Resolve for laying out the dividing Bounds between the Countys of *Lancaster* and *Northumberland* To which they desire the concurrence of the Council.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to oblige Ships coming from places infected with the plague to perform their Quarentine.* Read the first time, and

Ordered a Second Reading

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the building a Church in the parish of* Accomack. Read the third time with the Amendments

Resolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do pass.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* John Blinco *to Sell certain Intailed Lands upon his Settling other Lands to the same Uses.* Read the third time with the Amendments

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to as amended.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said two Bills to the Burgesses, and desire their concurrence to the Amendments made thereto.

Edmund

Edmund Jenings Eſq^r Abſent

A Bill Entituled *An Act for ſettling new Ferrys over* Rappahannock *and* Pamunkey *Rivers.* Read the ſecond time, and

Committed for Amendments to *John Lewis, Peter Beverley & John Robinſon* Eſq^rs

The Reſolve of the Houſe of Burgeſſes for ſettling the Bounds of the Countys of *Lancaſter* and *Northumberland,* being read Was agreed to as follows

Reſolved

That Mr *Daniel McCarty,* Mr *George Eskridge,* Mr *Charles Barber,* Mr *William Woodbridge* & Mr *Charles Grymes* or any three of them with the Surveyors Mr *Coppedge* and Mr *Newton* or one of them, do meet and (having regard to all Evidences and former Orders to be produced) lay out the dividing bounds between the ſaid Countys, at the equal Charge of each County, and make Report of their proceedings to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till tomorrow Morning 10 aclock.

Wedneſday May the 30th 1722

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, William Baſſett, Nathaniel Harriſon, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon Eſq^rs

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Clayton* and others That the Houſe of Burgeſſes had paſs'd a Reſolve for paying three hundred pounds to the Governor for his Journey to *New York* in 1717; And alſo a Reſolve for paying £237: 18: to Mr *Thomas Jones* in behalf of the late *Virginia* Indian Company: Alſo that the Houſe had paſs'd a Bill Entituled *An Act for diſſolving* Wilmington *pariſh.* To which they deſire the Councils concurrence.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the further improving the Staple of Tobacco.*

Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs.

The Reſolves of the Burgeſſes were Read and agreed to, as follow

Reſolved

That the Sum of three hundred pounds be given to the Governor in conſideration of his Journey to *New York* in the year 1717, and his Services in ſetling the Preliminary Articles, which are the Foundation of the Treaty intended to be made at *Albany* this Summer.

Reſolved

That the Sum of two hundred thirty ſeven pounds eighteen ſhillings out of the publick Money in the hands of *Peter Beverley* Eſq^r, be paid to Mr *Thomas Jones,* for the uſe of the late *Virginia* Indian Company, to diſcharge the Engagements of the Houſe of Burgeſſes to the Government relating to the ſaid Company.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for diſſolving the pariſh of* Wilmington *and annexing the ſame to other pariſhes.* Read the firſt time, and

Two petitions being preſented by the Inhabitants of the ſaid pariſh againſt the ſaid Bill, and the Council being informed that ſome perſons in behalf of the petitioners attended

Ordered

That the petitioners be called in and heard.

And accordingly the ſ^d petitioners being called in, were heard, and then withdrew.

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to oblige Ships Coming from places infected with the plague to perform their Quarentine.* Read the Second time, and

Ordered to be read a third time

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 9 aclock.

Thurſday

Thurſday May the 31ſt 1722

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, *Robert Carter, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, William Baſſett, Nathaniel Harriſon, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon* Eſqrs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the encouragement of Naval Stores*, Read the third time with the Amendments.

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs

A Bill Entituled *An Act to oblige Ships coming from places infected with the plague to perform their Quarentine.* Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid two bills to the Burgeſſes, and deſire their Concurrence to the Amendments made to the firſt mentioned Bill.

Reſolved

That a Bill be prepared for the better enforcing the Treatys already made, or hereafter to be made with the Northern and other forreign Indians

Ordered

That *Philip Ludwell, Nathaniel Harriſon* and *John Robinſon* Eſqrs, do prepare and bring in the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage to the Council by Mr *Clayton* and others that the Houſe of Burgeſſes had agreed to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill Entituled *An Act for improving the Staple of Tobacco;* and alſo to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the encouragement of Naval Stores* and had inſerted them in the ſaid Bills: And that the Houſe had paſs'd a Bill Entituled *An Act to prevent Swine going at large within the City of* Williamsburgh *or the Limits thereof;* To which they deſire the Councils concurrence.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly endorſe on the two amended Bills that the ſame are paſs'd as amended.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the preventing of Swine going at large within the City of* Williamſburgh *or the Limits thereof.* Read the firſt time. and

Ordered a Second Reading

A petition of *Harry Beverley* praying further time to make his Objections againſt the Bill Entituled *An Act for Veſting the fee Simple Eſtate of certain Lands in* William Beverley *of the County of* King & Queen *Gent upon certain Conditions therein mentioned,* was read, And the ſaid *Beverley* was called in and heard, and deſiring time till this day ſevenight, And being then fully heard to make his Objections againſt the ſaid Bill

The ſaid *Harry Beverley* was Ordered to Withdraw.

Ordered

That the conſideration of the ſaid Bill be referr'd till Tomorrow morning.

William Baſſett Eſqr Abſent

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Harriſon* and others who brought Sundry Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes to which they deſire the Councils concurrence.

And the firſt of the ſaid Reſolves being read

The Queſtion was put

That the ſame be agreed to

The Council were divided in opinion thereon.

The Second and third Reſolves were Severally Read and agreed to as follow

Reſolved

That the Sum of Fifty pounds [be paid] out of the public money in the hands of *Peter Beverley* Eſqr, to the Speaker of this Houſe for his Service this Seſſion

Reſolved

That the Sum of Twenty pounds be paid out of the publick money in the hands of *Peter Beverley* Eſqr to Mr *Clayton* Chairman of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances for his Service this Seſſion.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for punifhing Mutinous & difobedient Seamen, and for the more Speedy determination of Controverfys arifing between Mafters of Ships and their Crew*

Read the Second time and

Committed for Amendments

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Friday June 1ft 1722

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

The Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for punifhing Mutinous & difobedient Seamen and for the more Speedy determination of Controverfys arifing between Mafters of Ships and their Crews* being Reported, and inferted in the Bill

Ordered

That the faid Bill be engrofs'd

The Council refumed the confideration of the Bill for Vefting the fee Simple Eftate of certain Lands in *William Beverley* of the County of *King & Queen* Gent, upon certain Conditions therein mentioned. And *Harry Beverley* being called in and heard upon his Objections to the faid Bill withdrew.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Vefting the fee fimple Eftate of certain Lands in* William Beverley *of the County of* King *and* Queen *Gent upon certain confiderations therein mentioned.*

Read the fecond time and amended, and

Ordered to be read a third time.

A Meffage to the Council by Mr *Clayton* and others that the Committee of the Burgeffes having mett thofe of the Council appointed to join in preparing an Addrefs to the Governor upon the Subject matter of the intended Embaffy to *Albany*, had agreed to an Addrefs which had been reported and approved in their Houfe. And that the Burgeffes defire the Council's concurrence thereto.

And the faid Addrefs being read, was approved, and

Ordered to be return'd to the Burgeffes.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Clayton* and others That thefe Burgeffes had paffd a Bill Entituled *An Act for making the publick prifons more Convenient, and for* building a houfe for the Keeper thereof, to which they defire the Councils concurrence: Alfo that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Councils Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for building a Church in the parifh of* Accomack; And to the Bill entituled *An Act to enable* John Blinco *to fell certain entailed Lands upon his Settling other Lands to the fame Ufes.* And had inferted them therein.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Grymes* and others, that they had pafs'd the Treafurer's Accounts and defire the Councils concurrence thereto.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for fettling new Ferrys over* Rappahannock *and* Pamunkey *Rivers*

Read the third time with the Amendments.

Refolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do pafs.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the faid Bill to the Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have pafs'd the fame with Several Amendments to which they defire the concurrence of that Houfe.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for making the publick prifons in* Williamfburgh *more convenient, and for building a houfe for the Keeper thereof*

Read the firft time, and

Ordered a fecond Reading

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A Bill Entituled *An Act for diſſolving the pariſh of* Wilmington, *and for joining the ſame with other pariſhes*

Read the ſecond time and

Committed for Amendments

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the preventing of Swine going at large within the City of* Williamſburgh *or the Limits thereof.* Read the ſecond time &

Committed for Amendments.

The Council having reſumed the Debate on the firſt Reſolve ſent up from the Burgeſſes yeſterday

The ſame was agreed to as follows

Reſolved

That the Salaries of the Burgeſſes and Charges of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, be paid out of the publick Money in the hands of *Peter Beverley* Eſq^r after the rate of 10 ſhillings per hundred for Tobacco.

Reſolved

That in all Caſes in Aſſembly the Preſident hath a Right to Vote, and That it be a Standing Rule That whenever the Council ſhall be divided in opinion on any Bill or Matter brought before them in Aſſembly the ſame ſhall be referr'd for a fuller Council, if there be any Members abſent And in caſe there be none abſent that then ſuch Bill or other Matter ſo put to the Vote ſhall not be further proceeded in.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Saturday June the 2^d 1722

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *An Act for diſſolving the pariſh of* Wilmington, *and for joining the ſame to other pariſhes*

Read the third time with the Amendments.

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs as amended

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have paſs'd the ſame with Several Amendments to which they deſire the concurrence of that Houſe.

Preſent The Governor.

The Treaſurer's Accounts being peruſed & conſidered were paſs'd

And the Governor ſigned his Aſſent thereto.

Mr *Corbin* and others from the Burgeſſes preſented to the Governor the following Addreſs

To The Honble Alexander Spotſwood *His Majeſties Lieutenant Governor of* Virginia

The humble Addreſs of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

We his Majeſties moſt Dutiful . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 346.]

To which Addreſs the Governor anſwered as follows

"I will enquire . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 347.]

Philip Ludwell Eſq^r from the Committee appointed to prepare a Bill for the better enforcing the Treatys already made or hereafter to be made with forreign Indians, Reported that they had accordingly prepared the ſaid Bill, which he delivered in at the Table. And the ſame was

Read the firſt time and

Ordered a ſecond Reading

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* and others that the Speaker of their Houſe had ſigned the Addreſs to the Governor in which the Council had joined with them Which Addreſs he delivered in at the Table

A Bill Entituled *An Act for vesting the Fee Simple Estate of certain Lands in* William Beverly *of the County of* King *and* Queen *Gent upon certain considerations therein mentioned*

Read the third time with the amendments

Resolved

That the Bill do pass as amended

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Bill to the Burgesses and acquaint them that the Council have made some Amendments therein, to which they desire the concurrence of that House.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Munday June the 4th 1722

Present

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, Nathaniel Harrison, Mann Page & John Robinson Esqrs—

A Message from the Burgesses to the Council by Mr *Harrison* and others

That the House had pass'd the book of publick Claims, to which they desire the Councils concurrence

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the preventing of Swine going at large within the City of* Williamsburgh *or the Limits thereof*

Read the third time with the Amendments

Resolved

That the Bill do pass as amended

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Bill to the Burgesses, and acquaint them that the Council have made some Amendments therein, to which they desire the concurrence of that House.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for making the publick prisons in* Williamsburgh *more convenient and for building a House for the Keeper thereof*

Read the second time and amended

Ordered

That the Bill with the Amendments be read a third time.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Robinson* and others who brought a Resolve of the House for paying the Clerk for Copys of the Laws and Levy out of the publick Money, to which they desire the Councils concurrence.

The said Resolve being Read Was agreed to.

Ordered

That the Address of the Council and Burgesses to the Governor on the Subject Matter of the intended Treaty at *Albany*, be sign'd by the President in behalf of the Council

Ordered

That the Members who joined in preparing the said Address do wait on the Governor to know when and where he will be attended therewith.

And the said Members having accordingly applyed to the Governor, Reported that he had appointed tomorrow 11 aclock in the Council Chamber.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go to the House of Burgesses and acquaint them therewith

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 aclock.

Tuesday

Tuesday June the 5th 1722.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Clayton* and others that the Burgesses had made some Amendments to the Bill sent from the Council Entituled *An Act for punishing Mutinous and disobedient Seamen, and for the more Speedy determination of Controversys arising between Masters of Ships and their Crews*, to which they desire the Councils concurrence. Also that the Burgesses had agreed to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill for vesting the ffee simple Estate of certain Lands in *William Beverley* of the County of *King* and *Queen* Gent upon certain considerations therein mentioned And also to the Bill for settling new Ferrys over *Rappahannock* & *Pamunkey* Rivers, and had inserted them in the said Bills.

The Amendments made by the Burgesses to the Bill Entituled *An Act for punishing mutinous and disobedient Seamen, and for the better determination of Controversys between Masters of Ships and their Crews* being considered Were agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly return the said Bill to the Burgesses, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the Amendments made by that House to the said Bill.

Resolved

That the other two Bills amended, to which the Burgesses have agreed, be Certifyed by the Clerk as pass'd.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for making the publick prisons in* Williamsburgh *more convenient, and for building a House for the Keeper thereof.*

Read the third time as amended

Resolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do pass.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for enforcing and rendering more effectual the Treatys already made or hereafter to be made with forreign Indians*

Read the Second time and Amended.

Present The Governor.

The House of Burgesses coming to attend the Governor, Mr *Speaker* in behalf of both Houses of Assembly Read and presented the following Address.

To the Honble Alexander Spotswood *His Majesties Lieutent Governor of* Virginia

The humble Address of the Council and House of Burgesses

May it please Your Honour

We His Majesties Most Dutiful . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 346-347.]

To which Address the Governor was pleased to answer

Gentlemen

"I thank you . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 350.]

A Message to the Council by Mr *Clayton* and others That the House had agreed to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill Entituled *An Act for making the publick prisons in* Williamsburgh *more convenient, and for building a House for the Keeper thereof* And to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the preventing of Swine going at large within the City of* Williamsburgh *or the Limits thereof*, And had inserted them therein And that the Burgesses cannot agree to the Amendments made by their Honours to the Bill Entituled *An Act for dissolving the parish of* Wilmington, *and for joining the same to other parishes*, but desire their Honours to pass the Bill without those Amendments.

The Amendments agreed to by the Burgesses to the first two Bills, being examined and found truly inserted

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly endorse on the said Bills that the same are passed as amended.

Mr

Mr *Clayton* and others from the Burgeſſes preſented to the Governor the following Addreſs

*To the Hon*ble Alexander Spotſwood *His Majeſties Lieuten*t *Governor of* Virginia

The humble Addreſs of the Burgeſſes Houſe of Aſſembly

May it pleaſe Your Honour

We His Majeſties moſt Dutiful . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 348.]

To which the Governor anſwered. I ſhal endeavour what lyes in my power to anſwer the expectations of the Houſe.

Cole Digges Eſqr Preſent

A Meſſage to the Governor by Mr *Blair* and others who brought the Reſolves for ſettling the Bounds between the Countys of *Lancaſter* and *Northumberland* and between *Henrico* & *Hannover* Countys. To which they deſire his Honour's Aſſent

And the Governor having ſigned his Aſſent to the ſaid Reſolves

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly return the ſame to the Burgeſſes.

The Book of Claims being read over was agreed to by the Council, and

The Governor having aſſented thereto

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly return the ſame to the Burgeſſes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Book And alſo that the Governor hath ſign'd his Aſſent thereto.

Then the Council proceeded to the conſideration of the Meſſage from the Burgeſſes on the Subject Matter of the Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for diſſolving the pariſh of* Wilmington *and for joining the ſame to other pariſhes*

And after ſome time Spent thereon

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill ly upon the Table

A Meſſage to the Council by Mr *Clayton* and others That the Houſe had paſs'd a Reſolve for paying to certain perſons the Sum of One hundred & Eighty pounds out of the publick Money for furniſhing Sundry neceſſarys and Ornaments for the General Aſſembly, General Court and Capitol. To which they deſire the Council's concurrence.

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 10 aclock.

Wedneſday June the 6th 1722

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *An Act for enforcing and rendering more effectual the Treatys already made, or hereafter to be made with forreign Indians*

Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence thereto

A Bill Entituled *An Act for amending the Breed of Horſes*

Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs

The Reſolve of the Burgeſſes Sent up Yeſterday being read, Was agreed to as follows

Reſolved

That the Sum of One hundred and eighty pounds out of the publick money in the hands of *Peter Beverley* Eſqr be paid to Mr *John Holloway*, Mr *John Clayton* & Mr *Archibald Blair*, to be by them laid out in providing the following things *viz* A Mace, a Gown for

for the Speaker and a Gown for the Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, a Bible and Common prayer book in folio, forty common prayer books in Octavo, five dozen Cuſhions of Green Cloth and three dozen Leather Chairs for the uſe of the Aſſembly, a Bell for the uſe of the Aſſembly and General Court, and a flagg for the Capitol, and that the ſaid Sum be accounted for to the next Aſſembly.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Reſolve to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them therewith: And alſo the Bill for amending the breed of horſes, and deſire their Concurrence to the Amendments made thereto.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Waller* and others That the Burgeſſes had agreed to the Councils Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for amending the breed of Horſes* and had inſerted them therein.

And the ſaid Amendments being examined

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly endorſe on the ſaid Bill that the ſame is paſs'd as amended

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* and others who brought a Reſolve of the Houſe of Burgeſſes to which they deſire the Council's concurrence.

And the ſaid Reſolve being Read, Was agreed to as follows

Reſolved

That the Sum of thirty pounds out of the publick money in the hands of *Peter Beverley* Eſqr, be paid to Mr *John Holloway*, Mr *John Clayton* and Mr *Archibald Blair* to be by them laid out in providing the following particulars for the uſe of the Council and General Court *viz* a Gown for the Clerk of the General Aſſembly, a Luſtre for the Council Chamber, a Luſtre of leſs Size a large Glaſs Lanthern and four glaſs branches for the General Court and thirteen Cuſhions of Green Cloth And that the ſaid Sum be accounted for to the next Aſſembly

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning 9 aclock

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Thurſday June the 7th 1722

Preſent

THE Governor & The Council as Yeſterday

The. Governor ſigned his Aſſent to the Reſolves of the Council and Burgeſſes for the ſeveral Money payments ordered this Seſſion

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *William Randolph* and others who brot the Book of Proportions of the Publick Levy, and alſo a Bill Entituled *An Act for raiſing a publick Levy* To which they deſire the Councils concurrence.

The Book of Proportions of the publick Levy was peruſed and agreed to by the Council

A Bill Entituled *An Act for raiſing a publick Levy*

Read the firſt time and

Ordered a Second Reading

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* and others that the Burgeſſes had agreed to the Bill Entituled *An Act for enforcing and rendering more effectual the Treatys already made or hereafter to be made with forreign Indians*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Councils concurrence

And the ſaid Amendments being conſidered Were agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them with the Councils Agreement to the ſaid Amendments.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for raiſing a publick Levy*

Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered a third Reading

The

The Governor ſign'd his Aſſent to the Book of Proportions of the Publick Levy.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for raiſing a publick Levy*

Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill and Book of Proportions to the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Robinſon* and others who brought the Inroll'd Bills paſs'd this Seſſion for the Council's peruſal.

And the Council having peruſed the ſaid Inrolld Bills

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly return the ſaid Bills to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council are ſatisfyed they are truly Enrolled.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and acquaint them that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance with Such Bills as are ready for his Aſſent

Accordingly, The Houſe of Burgeſſes attending, Mr *Speaker* addreſs'd himſelf to the Governor to this Effect That in obedience to his Honour's Commands The Burgeſſes have brought up ſuch Bills as have paſs'd the Council and themſelves this Seſſion, and humbly offer them for his Aſſent

Whereupon the Governor was pleaſed to ſign his Aſſent to the following Bills *viz* . . . . . [For the 16 enumerated Acts, ſee J. of H. of B., p. 353.]

Then the Governor was pleaſed to make the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council and Houſe of Burgeſſes

Such Concord . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 354.]

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AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ſummoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamſburgh* the fifth day of *Dec*r in the ninth Year of the Reign of our Soveraingn Lord *George* by the Grace of God King of *Great Britain, France* & *Ireland* Defender of the Faith &c. And in the Year of our Lord 1722

And by Writ of Prorogation begun & holden on the 9th day of *May* 1723.

[From the Public Record Office, *London*, Colonial Office, Clafs 5, Vol. 1417.]

At a General Affembly fummoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamfburgh* the fifth day of *Decr* in the ninth Year of the Reign of our Soveraingn Lord *George* by the Grace of God King of *Great Britain, France* & *Ireland* Defender of the Faith &c. And in the Year of our Lord 1722

And by Writ of Prorogation begun & holden on the 9th day of *May* 1723.

[*May* the 9th, 1723.]

Prefent

THE Honble *Hugh Dryfdale* Efqr his Majty's Lieut Governor, *Edmund Jenings, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, William Baffett, Nathl Harrifon, Cole Diggs* & *Peter Beverley* Efqrs

The Governor being inform'd that fifty fix of the Burgeffes were fworn, and gone to their Houfe to wait his Honrs Commands

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Affembly go to the Burgeffes and command their immediate attendance on the Governor in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeffes attending, The Govr was pleafed to fay

Gentlemen,

I am infinitely pleas'd to fee fo great an appearance of Gentn on this firft day of your Seffion; It is fitt before you proceed to bufinefs that You make choice of a Speaker, You are therefore to return to Your Houfe, and agree among Yourfelves on a perfon fittly Qualified to fill Your Chair

A Meffage from the Burgeffes to the Governor by Mr *McCarty* and others, That the Burgeffes purfuant to his Honrs Commands, had made choice of a Speaker, and had appointed them to wait on his Honr to know his pleafure when and where they fhall attend to prefent him.

To which the Governor anfwer'd, That he fhould be ready tomorro at 11 a Clock in the Council Chamber—

And then the Council adjd till ten to morrow morning

Fryday May ye 10th 1723.

Prefent

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, William Baffet, Nathl Harrifon, Cole Diggs* & *Peter Beverley* Efqrs—

Ordd

That the Clerk of the Genl Affembly go to the Houfe of Burgeffes and Command their immediate Attendance on the Governor

The Burgeffes attending, *John Holloway* of the City of *Wmfburg* Efqr addreffed himfelf to the Governor to this Effect; That he here prefented himfelf as Speaker of the peoples Reprefentatives for this great Colony & Dominion, that it might be expected he fhould difable himfelf from undertaking that important Truft, but he would not pretend to arraign the Judgment of fo many worthy Gentn, and that therefore he and they muft in this, as in all other Affairs relating to the Government fubmitt to his Honrs Judgment & approbation

To

To which the Governor was pleaſed to anſwer,

I am very ſenſible that long experience in Aſſembly Affairs, and a capacity for publick Buſineſs are the neceſſary Qualifications of a Speaker, ſeveral Gent^n of this Houſe have been already convinced of your great Ability in both theſe reſpects, which has induced them a 2^d time to fix their choice on You as a perſon every way fitt to fill their Chair; to wch choice I muſt expreſs my approbation, becauſe I am entirely of their Opinion—

Then the Speaker in the name of the Houſe made the uſual petitions for Confirmation of their ancient Rights & priviledges, that they might enjoy freedom of Speech in all their Debates; That they may have power over their own Members; That they may have acceſs to the Governors perſon as occaſion ſhall require; and laſtly, That his Hon^r would be pleaſed favourably to interpret all their proceedings

To which the Governor anſwer'd in theſe words, I ſhall make it my chief care to preſerve the Houſe of Burgeſſes in theſe and all other their juſt Rights and priviledges—

And then the Governor made the following Speech

Gent^n of the Council & Houſe of Burgeſſes,

Having the Honour Conferr'd . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1712-1726, pp. 360-361.]

The Governor Abſent

Reſolved

That an humble Addreſs be prepared to return the Thanks of the Council to the Governor for the Speech to this General Aſſembly—

Ordered

That Mr Com^ry *Blair*, *Philip Ludwell* and *Willm Baſſett* Eſq^rs be appointed to prepare and bring in the ſaid Addreſs.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till tomorrow morning 9 a Clock

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Saturday May the 11th 1723

Preſent

TO THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings*, *James Blair*, *Philip Ludwell*, *William Baſſett*, *Nathl Harriſon*, *Cole Digges* and *Peter Beverley* Eſq^rs

Mr Com^ry *Blair* Reported that the perſons appointed had prepar'd an Addreſs to the Governor wch he read in his place and afterwards deliv^d in at the Table where the ſame was again read & approved & is as follows.

To the Honble Hugh Dryſdale *Eſq^r his Maj^tys Lieu^t Governor of* Virginia—

Sir,

We his Maj^tys moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Council of this his Majeſties Colony and Dominion of *Virginia* having with great pleaſure and Attention heard and conſider'd Your Hon^rs moſt acceptable Speech to both Houſes at the opening of this Your firſt Aſſembly, think it our Duty to return Our hearty Thanks for the ſame, and with all to declare our utmoſt Satisfaction both in the Choice his Majeſty has been pleaſed to make of Your Hon^r for the Government of this Colony; and in the wiſe and good Meaſures You lay down for the diſcharge of that great Truſt

As We doubt not the Country in general is well ſatisfied in the Specimen they have already had of Your Hon^rs mild and juſt Adminiſtracon We have all reaſon to hope for the Continuance of as great felicity under Yo^r Conduct as a peaceable & Loyal people can expect from a Governor that ſetts them ſo good an Example, of an obliging Temper and an unbyaſſed Integrity. And as We are well Aſſured, You have no other Views but what tend to his Maj^ty's Service, and the good of the Country, We ſhall be glad of all oppertunities to demonſtrate our hearty and ready Concurrence in promoting the ſame to the utmoſt of our Power and Capacity.—

Order'd

That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed and Signed by the Preſident in name of the Council

Order'd

Order'd That *Nath*[l] *Harrifon & Cole Digges* Efq[rs] wait on the Governor to know his pleafure when and where he will be attended With the faid Addrefs—And being returned Col[o] *Harrifon* Reported that the Governor had appointed to receive the faid Addrefs immediately in the Council Chamber

The Governor Prefent

The Addrefs of the Council being Read and prefented by the Prefident.

The Governor was pleafed to fay *Gent*[n] I can't exprefs the Pleafure I have to find what I have faid to You, feems to be fo much to Your Satisfaction. I am obliged to You for this kind Addrefs, and fhall always endeavour to make my Actions correfpond with my Expreffions.

And then the Council Adj[d] till *Monday* 12 a Clock.

Munday May 13[o] 1723.

Prefent

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings, James Blair, Philip Ludwell & Peter Beverley* Efq[rs]

A Meffage to the Governor by M[r] *M*[c]*Carty* and others, that the Burgeffes had prepared an Addrefs to his Hon[r] and appointed them to wait on his Hon[r] to know when and where they fhall attend to prefent it—

On which the Governor was pleafed to appoint the Council Chamber immediately for receiving the faid Addrefs—

Sundry propofitions from *Hannover* County were Read and Referred to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes—

The Burgeffes attending prefented the following Addrefs—

To the Hon[ble] Hugh Dryfdale *Efq*[r] *his Maj*[tys] *L*[t] *Governor & Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of* Virginia.

The humble Addrefs of the Houfe of Burgeffes.

May it pleafe Yo[r] *Hon*[r]

We his Maj[ty's] moft Dutiful . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 363.]

To w[ch] the Governor was pleafed to Anfwer,

M[r] Speaker *and Gent*[n] *of the Houfe of Burgeffes*

I am glad to find that what I communicated to You at the opening of this Seffion meets with Your Approbation. I thank You for this kind Addrefs, and do affure You that while I have the Hon[r] to prefide here I will purfue the true intereft of this Country.

Sundry propofitions from the Countys of *King William* and *Northampton* were Read and referred to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes.—

The Petition and propofals of *Alex*[r] *Forbes* Clerk in behalf of himfelf and others of the Clergy on the South fide *James* River were Read and,

Referred to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes

Nath[l] *Harrifon & John Robinfon* Efq[rs] Pref[t]

And then the Council Adj[d] till to morrow morning 9 a Clock.

Tuefday May 14[o] 1723.

Prefent

EDMUND JENINGS, *James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Nath*[l] *Harrifon, Peter Beverley & John Robinfon* Efq[rs]

The Council mett and

Adjourn'd till to morr Morn 9 a Clock

Wednefday

Wednesday May 15º 1723.

Present

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, William Baffett, Nathl Harrifon, Peter Beverley & John Robinfon* Efq^rs

A petition of *Chicheley Corbin Thacker* praying Allowance for Iffuing two Writts for the Election of Burgeffes for *James Town & W^m^sburgh*

A Petition of the faid *Chicheley Corbin Thacker* praying allowance for his Service as Clerk of the Secretarys Office And

A Petition of *James Adams* praying Allowance for his Service as Interpreter to the *Pamunkey* and *Chickahominy* Indians. Were feverally Referred to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes.

Sundry Propofitions from the County of *Prince George* were Read and

Referred to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes.

A petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *King Willm* were Read and

Alfo A petition of fundry of the Juftices of the faid County both relating to the Divifion of the faid County Read & Referred to the Confideracõ of the Houfe of Burgeffes.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till to morrow morning 9 a Clock.

Thurfday May the 16th 1723.

Prefent

THE Governor and The Council as Yefterday

A Petition of the Upper Inhabitants of the parifh of *St Stephen* in the County of *King & Queen* praying a Divifion of the f^d Parifh Read &

Referred to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by M^r *McCarty* and others defiring the Governor would be pleafed to caufe to be laid before that Houfe the late Treaty of peace concluded with the five Nations of Northern Indians together with the Journal of that Negotiation.

To wch the Governor anfwer'd, That he fhould forthwith lay before the Houfe the Treaty of peace with the Northern Indians; but that the Journal of that Treaty was not in his poffeffion—

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry to the Houfe of Burgeffes the Treaty with the Northern Indians

And alfo the following Meffage from the Governor & Council

Mr Speaker *& Gent^n of the Houfe of Burgeffes*

The late difcover'd Confpiracy . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 367.]

Orderd

That a Bill be brought in to fecure the better payment of Levys and for punifhing Lewd and Idle people: And that *Philip Ludwell Nathaniel Harrifon & John Robinfon* Efq^rs do prepare and bring in the fame

John Lewis Efq^r Prefent

And then the Council adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 9 a Clock.

Fryday May 17º 1723

Prefent

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, William Baffett, Nathaniel Harrifon, Peter Beverley & John Robinfon* Efq^rs

A Petition of the Major part of the Veftry and Inhabitants of *St Stephens* Parifh againft the Devifion of the faid Parifh Read and

Referred to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes.

A Petition of *James Taylor* praying Allowance for running the dividing Lines between the Countys of *Effex, King & Queen, King William & Hanover* and the County of *Spotfylvania* Read and referred to the confideracõ of the Houfe of Burgeffes.

And then the Council adj^d till to morrow morning 9 a Clock.

Saturday May 18th 1723.

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council mett, and

Adj^d till *Munday* 11 a Clock.

Monday May the 20th 1723.

Prefent

EDMUND JENINGS, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley & John Robinfon Efq^rs

Col^o *Ludwell* from the Committee appointed to prepare a Bill for the better payment of Levys and punifhing of Lewd and diforderly perfons Reported that they had prepared the faid Bill, and the fame was recĕd &

Order'd

To be Read the firft time to morrow Morning.

And then the Council adjourn'd till to morr^o morning 9 a Clock.

Tuefday May the 21ft 1723.

Prefent

EDMUND JENINGS, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, William Baffett, Nathl Harrifon, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley & John Robinfon Efq^rs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better fecuring the payment of Levys and for punifhing Lewd Vagrant and Idle people and for the more Effectual difcovery & profecution of perfons having baftard Children*

Read the firft time And

Ordered

To be Read a 2^d time,

Prefent *Robert Carter & Mann Page* Efq^rs

Adj^d till to morr^o morning 9 a Clock.

Wednefday May the 22^d 1723.

Prefent

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, William Baffett, Nathl Harrifon, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley & John Robinfon Efq^r

A Meffage from the Burgeffes to the Council by M^r *McCarty* and others who brought a Bill Entit^d *An Act directing the Tryal of Slaves committing Capitol Crimes, and for the more effectual punifhing Confpiracys and Infurrections of them, and for the better Government of Negros, Mulattos & Indian bond or ffree:* To wch they defire the Concurrence of the Council.

Order'd

That the faid Bill be Read the firft time to morrow morning.

And then the Council adj^d till to morrow morning 9 a Clock.

Thurfday

Thurſday May the 23d 1723.

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entitled *an Act directing the Tryal of Slaves committing Capitol Crimes. and for the more effectual puniſhing Conſpiracys and Inſurrections of them, and for the better government of Negros, Mulattos & Indians bond or free,* Read the firſt time and

Order'd a ſecond Reading

A Bill Entd *an Act for the better ſecuring the payment of Levys and for puniſhing Lewd Vagrant and Idle people & for the more effectual diſcovery & proſecution of perſons having Baſtard Children* Read the Second time &

Order'd to be committed for Amendments to the Comittee who prepared the ſame

Adjd till to morr morning 9 a Clock.

Friday May the 24th 1723.

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY.

A Meſſage from the Burgſs to the Council by Mr *Willis* & others who brought a Bill Entd *an Act for veſting the Fee Simple Eſtate of certain Entailed Lands in* Pierce Butler *and* Paulin Anderſon *and for veſting other Lands therein mentioned in* Robt Stubblefield *in fee tail* deſire the concurrence of the Council.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *McCarty* & others Who brought a Bill Entd *An Act for the Tranſportation of* Dick *and other Negro Slaves.* To which they deſire the Councils concurrence.

The Amendments to the Bill Entd *An Act for the better ſecuring the payment of Levys and for puniſhing Lewd vagrant and idle people,* being reported were agreed to.

Order'd

That the ſaid Bill be Engroſſed—

A Bill Entd *an Act directing the Tryal of Slaves committing Capital Crimes and for the more effectual puniſhing Conſpiracys and Inſurrections of them and for the better Government of Negros Mulattos & Indians Bond or free*

Read the 2d time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be conſider'd in a Comtee of the whole Houſe on *Tueſday* next

A Bill Entd *an Act for the Tranſportation of* Dick *and other Negro Slaves* Read the firſt time and

Order'd a ſecond Reading.

A Bill Entd *An Act for Veſting the Fee Simple Eſtate of certain Entailed Lands in* Pierce Butler & Paulin Anderſon *and for veſting other Lands therein mentioned in* Robt Stubblefield *in fee tail.* Read the firſt time and Order'd a ſecond Reading

And then the Council Adjourn'd till to morro 9 a Clock

Saturday May the 25th 1723.

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, Nathl Harriſon, Mann Page, Cole Diggs, Peter Beverley & John Robinſon Eſqrs

A Bill Entd *an Act for Veſting the fee Simple Eſtate of certain Entailed Lands in* Pierce Butler *and* Pawlin Anderſon *And for veſting other Lands therein mentioned in* Robt Stubblefield *in fee Tail,* read the 2d time &

Order'd

a 3d Reading

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for the Tranſportation of* Dick *and other Negro Slaves*, Read the ſecond time and

Order'd

a third Reading—

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for the better ſecuring the payment of Levys and reſtraint of idle and Vagrant people and for the more effectual diſcovery & proſecution of perſons having baſtard children.* Read the 3^d time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs:

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till *Monday* 9 a Clock.

Monday May 27th 1723.

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, *Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, Nathl Harriſon, Mann Page, Cole Diggs* and *Peter Beverley* Eſq^rs

The Council mett and

Adj^d till to morr 9 a Clock

Tueſday May the 28th 1723.

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Petition of the Veſtry of *James City* Pariſh & alſo

A Petition of divers of the Inhab^ts of the lower part of *Wilmington* pariſh were read praying that the ſaid pariſh of *James City* may be enlarged by an addition out of *Wilmington* Pariſh,

Order'd

That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes—

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Harriſon* and Mr *Blair* That the Burgeſſes had paſſed the Treaſurers Acco^ts to wch they deſire the Councils Concurrence—

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for the Tranſportation of* Dick *and other Negro Slaves*, Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs.—

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for Veſting the Fee Simple Eſtate of certain Entailed Lands in* Pierce Butler *and* Paulin Anderſon *and for veſting other Lands therein mentioned in* Robt Stubblefield *in Fee tail* Read the third time—

Reſolved That the Bill do paſs

Ordered That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them That the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bills without any Amendments—

A Meſſage to the Governor by Mr *Randolph* and others who brought and preſented the following Addreſs,

To the Honble Hugh Dryſdale *Eſq^r his Maj^tys Lieu^t Governor of* Virginia

The humble Addreſs of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

We his Maj^tys moſt dutiful . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 376.]

To which the Governor was pleaſed to Anſwer

That He would take Care to redreſs the Grievances of thoſe perſons injur'd by Col^o *Smith* & would diſcountenance him as well as all other perſons that ſhal preſume to extend their Commands beyond the Limits of the Law.

The

The Order of the Day being read

Resolved

That the Council will to morrow morning resolve into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the Bill Ent^d *an Act directing the Trial of Slaves committing Capital Crimes, and for the more effectual punishing Conspiracies and Insurrections of them— And for the better Government of Negros, Mulattos and Indians bond or free.*

And then the Council Adjourn'd till to morrow morning 9 a Clock

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Wednesday May 29th 1723.

Present

AS YESTERDAY and *John Robinson* Esqr

Resolved

That the Council will on *Saturday* next take into further Consideration the Bill Ent^d *An Act directing the Tryal of Slaves committing Capitol Crimes, and for the more effectual punishing Conspiracies and Insurrections of them and for the better Government of Negros, Mulattos and Indians Bond or free.*

And then the Council Adjourn'd till to morrow morning 9 a Clock.

Thursday May the 30th 1723.

Present

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, Nathl Harrison, Mann Page, Cole Diggs, Peter Beverley & John Robinson* Esq^rs

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Assembly carry the following Message from the Governor to the House of Burgesses.

William Bassett Esqr p^st

Mr Speaker *& Gent^n of the House of Burg^ss*

His Maj^ty having been pleased . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 378.]

And then the Council adjournd till to morr morn 9 a Clock.

Fryday May the 31st 1723

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message to the Council by M^r *McCarty* and others, That the Burgesses had agreed to the Bill sent from the Council Ent^d *An Act for the better securing the payment of Levys and restraint of vagrant & Idle people, and for the more effectual discovery, and prosecution of persons having bastard Children* with divers Amendments, To which they desire the Councils Concurrence—

And the Council having consider'd the said Amendments the same were agreed to except the first—

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Assembly carry the said Bill and Amendments to the Burgesses and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to all the Amendments except the first and desire the Burgesses to recede from that Amendment.

And then the Council adj^d till to morrow morning 9 a Clock.

Saturday

Saturday June 1ſt 1723.

Preſent

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, William Baſſett, Nath*l *Harriſon, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley & John Robinſon* Eſqrs

Orderd That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the following Meſſage from the Governor

Mr Speaker *& Gentn of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

Upon Examination . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 380.]

A Meſſage to the Council by Mr *McCarty* and others who brought a Bill Entd *an Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco.* To which they deſire the Councils Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *McCarty* and others that the Burgeſſes had receded from their firſt Amendmt to the Bill Entd *An Act for the better ſecuring the payment of Levys and reſtraint of vagrant & idle people and for the more effectual diſcovery & proſecution of perſons having baſtard Children* and had paſſed the Bill according to the Amendments agreed on

Orderd

That the Amendmts be inſerted in the ſaid Bill—

The Council Reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider further of the Bill directing the Tryal of Slaves committing Capital Crimes, and for the more effectual puniſhing Conſpiracies and Inſurrections of them and for the better Government of Negros, Mulattos and Indians bond or ffree; And having made ſeveral Amendments thereto,—

Order'd

That the ſaid Amendments be Engroſſed—

And then the Council adjd till *Munday* 11 a Clock.

Munday June 3d 1723.

Preſent

THE Governor, *Edmund Jenings, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Mann Page, Peter Beverley & John Robinſon* Eſqr

A Bill Entd *an Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco,*

Read the firſt time and Ordered a ſecond Reading

And then the Council Adjd till to morrow morñ 9 a Clock.

Tueſday June 4th 1723.

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, Mann Page, Peter Beverley & John Robinſon Eſqrs

A Bill Entd *An Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco* Read the ſecond time & Committed for Amendments—

Reſolved

That the Council will tomorrow reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider of the Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

A Motion being made that Leave be given to bring in a Bill for Limiting the time for Shipping of Tobacco, And the Queſtion being put thereon

Reſolved

That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for limiting the time for ſhipping of Tobacco, and that the ſame be prepared accordingly.

A

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Thornton* and others, who brought a Bill Entd *An Act for veſting the ffee Simple Eſtate of certain entailed Lands in* William Merriwether *Gentn and for Veſting five Negro Slaves therein mentioned in* Sarah Brechin *and the Heirs of her body;* To which they deſire the Councils Concurrence

And then the Council adjd till tomorr morñ: 9 aClock.

Wedneſday June 5th 1723.

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY.

A Bill Entd *An Act directing the Tryal of Slaves committing Capital Crimes and for the more effectual puniſhing Conſpiracies and Inſurrections of them and for the better Government of Negros Mulattos and Indians bond or ffree—*

Read the third time wth the Amendmts

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to the ſd Amendmts

The Council having Conſidered the Treaſurers Accots

Reſolved

That the ſaid Accounts be paſſed.

A Bill Entd *An Act for Veſting the ffee Simple Eſtate of certain Entailed Lands in* William Merriwether *Gent. and for veſting five Negro Slaves therein mentioned in* Sarah Brechin *and the Heirs of her body,* Read the firſt time and

Orderd

A Second Reading

The Council (according to Order) reſolved into a Comittee upon the Amendmts to the Bill Entd *An Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco,* and having gone through the ſame.

Order'd

That the ſaid Amendments be Engroſſed.

And then the Council adjd till to morrow morñ 9 a Clock

Thurſday June 6th 1723

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, William Baſſett, Nathl Harriſon, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley & John Robinſon Eſqrs

A Bill Entd *An Act for veſting the ffee Simple Eſtate of certain entailed Lands in* William Merriwether *Gent and for Veſting five Negro Slaves therein mentioned in* Sarah Brechin *and the Heirs of her body.*

Read the ſecond time and

Ordered

To be Read a third time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Robinſon* and others who brought a Bill Entd *an Act for confirming the Title of* John Fox *Gentn to certain Lands formerly purchaſed of the* Pomunkey *Indians;* To which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council

A Bill Entd *An Act for confirming the Title of* John Fox *Gentn to certain Lands formerly purchaſed of the* Pomunkey *Indians* Read the firſt time,

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a 2d time—

A

A Bill (being according to Order prepared & brought in) Ent^d *an Act for remedying divers Inconveniencies arifing by the unfeafonable Shipping of Tobacco* was Read the firft time and

Ordered

To be Read a fecond time

And then the Council adj^d till to morr morn 9 a Clock.

Friday June the 7th 1723.

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for confirming the Title of* John Fox *Gen^t to certain Lands formerly purchafed of the* Pomunkey *Indians* Read the fecond time and

Ordered

A third Reading

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for Vefting the ffee Simple Eftate of certain Entailed Lands in* William Merriwether *Gen^t: and for Vefting five Negro Slaves therein mentioned in* Sarah Brechin *and the Heirs of her body* Read the third time.

Refolved

That the Bill do pafs.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Affembly carry the f^d Bill to the Burg^fs

A Meffage from the Burgeffes to the Governor by M^r *McCarty* and others who brought the following Anfwer to the Governors Meffage relating to repairing the Arms.

To the Honble Hugh Dryfdale *Efq^r his Maj^tys Lt Governor of* Virginia

May it pleafe Yo^r Hon^r

The Burgeffes having taken . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 383.]

A Petition of *John Brufh* praying allowance for his misfortune in being blown up and hurt in firing the Guns on his Maj^tys Birthday Read and

Referred to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes

A Meffage to the Council by M^r *McCarty* who acquainted the Council that the Burgeffes had taken into Confideration the Amendm^ts propofed by their Hon^rs to the Bill Ent^d *an Act directing the Tryal of Slaves committing Capital Crimes and for the more effectual punifhing Confpiracies and Infurrections of them and for the better Government of Negros, Mulattos and Indians bond or ffree,* and that to fome of thofe Amendments they had agreed and to others had difagreed and defire the Council to pafs the Bill according to the Amendm^ts agreed to by that Houfe.

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco* Read the 3^d time with the Amendments.

Refolved

That the Bill as Amended be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Affembly carry the faid Bill and Amendm^ts to the Houfe of Burgeffes and defire their Concurrence to the faid Amendments.

Adj^d till to morr 9 a Clock in the morning.

Saturday June 8th 1723

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for confirming the Title of* Jno Fox *Gent^n to certain Lands formerly purchafed of the* Pamunkey *Indians*

Read the 3^d time

Refolved

That the Bill do pafs

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the faid Bill to the Burgeffes.

The

The Council took into Confideration the Burgeffes difagreement to fome of their Amendmts to the Bill Entd *an Act directing the Tryal of Slaves committing Capital Crimes and for the more effectual punifhing Confpiracies and Infurrections of them & for the better Government of Negros, Mulattos and Indians bond or ffree* and the Queftion being put That the Council do infift on that part of their Amendments to wch the Burgs have difagreed.

It paffed in the Affirmative

Adjd till *munday* 11 a Clock in the forenoon

Munday June 10th 1723.

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

Edmund Jenings, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Nathl Harrifon, Mann Page, Cole Diggs, Peter Beverley & John Robinfon Efqrs

The Council mett &

Adjd till to morr morn 9 a Clock

Tuefday June 11th 1723.

Prefent

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, Nath: Harrifon, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley & John Robinfon Efqrs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Affembly carry to the Houfe of Burgeffes the Bill Entd *an Act directing the Tryal of Slaves comitting Capital Crimes and for the more effectual punifhing Confpiracies & Infurrections of them and for the better Government of Negros, Mulattos and Indians bond or ffree* And acquaint them that the Council do infift on their Amendments to that Bill and defire the Burgeffes will recede from their difagreements to thofe Amendmts and pafs the Bill as Amended.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *McCarty* and others who brought a Bill Intd *an Act for laying a Duty on Liquors and Slaves* and a Bill Entd *an Act for reviving the* Act for defence and Security of the Country in times of danger To which they defire the Concurrence of the Council.

And alfo acquainted the Council that the Burgeffes had had under Confideration the Amendments propofed by their Honrs to the Bill Entd *an Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco* and to fome had agreed and to others had agreed with Amendmts and to others they could not agree and defired their Honrs would pafs the Bill according to the Amendmts agreed to

A Bill Entd *an Act for laying a Duty on Liquors & Slaves* Read the firft time and

Ordered a fecond Reading

A Bill Entd *An Act for reviving the Act Entd* an Act for Defence and Security of the Country in time of danger Read the firft time and

Ordered

A Second Reading

The Council took into Confideration the Amendmts propofed to the Bill Entd *An Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco* and the Amendmts propofed by the Burgeffes to their Amendmts, & the fame (except the laft) were agreed to, and alfo receded from thofe Amendmts to which the Burgeffes had difagreed except the laft Amendmt for retaining the repealing Claufe.

Refolved nemine contradicente

That the Council do infift on their Amendmt for ftriking out the repealing Claufe on the fd Bill.

Adjd till to morr 9 a Clock

Wednefday

Wednesday June 12th 1723

Present

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, Nath*l *Harrison, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley & John Robinson* Esqrs

A Message to the Council from the Burgesses by Mr *Harrison* and others that the Burgesses had passed the Book of Claims to wch they desire their Honrs Concurrence

John Robinson Esqr absent

A Bill Entd *An Act for reviving the* Act for Defence and Security of the Country in times of Danger Read the second time and

Ordered

A third Reading

A Message to the Council by Mr *McCarty* and others that the Burgs had passed a Bill Entd *an Act for the settling and better regulation of the Militia* to wch they desire the Councils Concurrence—Also that the Burgesses had commanded them to return the Bill Entd *An Act directing the Trial of Slaves committing Capital Crimes and for the more effectual punishing Conspiracies and Insurrections of them and for the better Government of Negros, Mulattos & Indians bond or free* & that they desire the Council will recede from such of their Amendmts to the said Bill to wch the Burgfs have disagreed.

A Bill Entd *an Act for the Settling and better regulation of the Militia* read the first time &

Ordered

A second Reading

A Bill Entd *An Act for remedying divers inconveniencies arising by the unseasonable Shipping of Tobacco.*

Read the 2d time

Order'd

That the said Bill be Committed for Amendments.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Assembly carry to the Burgfs the Bill Entd *an Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco* and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to all the Amendmts made by that House to their Amendments except the last that their Honrs do insist on their last Amendmt for striking out the repealing Clause mentioned in the said Bill and desire the Burgesses to pass the Bill accordingly.

Resolved

That a free Conference be desired with the Burgesses on the subject matter of their Amendmts to the Bill Entd *an Act directing the Trial of Slaves committing Capital Crimes and for the more effectual punishing Conspiracies & Insurrections of them And for the better Governmt of Negros, Mulattos and Indians bond or free.*

Orderd

That the said Conference be managed by three of the Council to morrow at 11 a Clock in the Conference Room.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Assembly go down to the House of Burgesses and desire the said Conference.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Clayton* and others that the Burgesses had agreed to the free Conference desired by their Honrs and that the Managers for the Burgesses will be ready to meet those of the Council to morrow at 11 a Clock in the Conference Room,

A Bill Entd *an Act for laying a Duty on Liquors and Slaves* Read the 2d time and

Order'd

To be Read a third time

A

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *McCarty* & others that the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Entd *An Act for dividing* St Stephens *Pariſh in the County of* King & Queen to wch they deſire the Councils Concurrence.

A Bill Entd *An Act for dividing* St Stephens *pariſh in the County of* King *and* Queen Read the firſt time and

Ordered

A ſecond Reading

Adjd till to morrow morning 9 a Clock.

Thurſday June the 13th 1723.

Preſent

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Nathl Harriſon, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley & John Robinſon Eſqrs

Ordered

That *Robert Carter Philip Ludwell* and *Nath: Harriſon* Eſqrs be appointed Managers of the free Conference with the Burgeſſes on the Subject Matter of the Amendments to the Bill Entd *An Act directing the Tryal of Slaves committing Capital Crimes and for the better & more effectual puniſhing of Conſpiracies and Inſurrections of them and for the better Government of Negros bond or free*

A Meſſage to the Council by Mr *McCarty* and others that the Burgeſſes had agreed to their Honrs Amendmts for ſtriking out the repealing Clauſe in the Bill for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco.—

Reſolved

That the Bill as Amended do paſs.

Then the Managers went to the Conference

And being returned

The Managers Reported that they had mett with the Burgſs and had inſiſted on thoſe Amendments diſagreed to by the Houſe and that the Managers for the Burgeſſes had deſired to have the Bill with them, to their Houſe in Order to make their Report: And that thereupon they were now come to deſire Inſtructions in that matter.

Order'd

That it be an Inſtruction to the Managers of the free Conference that they deliver the Bill to the Burgeſſes and deſire that the Conference may be continued in caſe the Burgeſſes do not agree to the ſaid Amendments.

Then the Managers went to the Conference

And the Council adjourned till to morr morning 9 a Clock.

Friday June 14th 1723

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Memorial of *John Carter* Eſqr Secretary of *Virginia* praying that ſome Alterations may be made to preſerve the Records in his Office,

Order'd

That the following Meſſage be ſent to the Houſe of Burgeſſes together with the ſaid Memorial,

Mr Speaker & *Gentn of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.*

A Memorial having . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 390.]

A Bill Entd *An Act for laying a Duty on Liquors and Slaves.* Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs.

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A Bill Ent^d *an Act for reviving the* Act for Security & defence of the Country in times of Danger. Read the 3^d time

Resolved

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said two Bills to the Burgesses.

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for dividing* St Stephens *Parish in the County of* King & Queen. Read the second time and

Ordered

A third Reading.

The Amendments to the Bill Ent^d *An Act for remedying divers Inconveniences arising by the unseasonable shipping of Tobacco* being reported—

Ordered

That the Bill be Engrossed.

A Bill for the Settling and better Regulation of the Militia Read the second time and Committed for Amendments.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Clayton* & others who brought a Bill Ent^d *an Act for enlarging the Jurisdiction of the Court of Hustings in the City of* Williamsburgh *within the Limits thereof* To which they desire the Concurrence of the Council.

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for enlarging the Jurisdiction of the Court of Hustings in the City of* Williamsburgh *within the Limits thereof.* Read the 1st time and

Ordered a second Reading

A Petition of *Chicheley Corbin Thacker* praying to be paid in money instead of Tobacco &

A Petition of *James Shields* praying to be paid in money instead 15755^lb Tobacco, were severally read,

Ordered

That the said Petitions be referred to the consideration of the House of Burgesses.

On a motion made

Ordered

That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the encouraging of divers useful and beneficial Works and Manufactures, and a Bill being brought in accordingly was Read the first time and,

Ordered

A Second reading.

The Book of Claims being read over and some Amendm^ts made thereto,

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Book and Amendments to the Burgesses.

And then the Council adj^d till to morr morning 9 a Clock.

Saturday June 15th 1723.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for remedying divers Inconveniencies arising by the unseasonable Shipping of Tobacco.* Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill do pass

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Assembly carry the said Bill to the Burgesses and desire their concurrence thereto

A

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for dividing* St Stephens *Parish in the County of* King *and* Queen. Read the 3^d time

Resolved

That the Bill do pass and that the Clerk of the Genl Assembly carry the same to the House of Burgesses

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Harrison* and others that the Burgesses had agreed to the Amendments proposed in the Book of Claims.

Resolved

That the Book of Claims do pass

Then the Governor signed his Assent thereto.

Ordered That the said Book of Claims be returned to the House of Burgesses.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Clayton* & others that upon consideration of the Report of the Conference upon the Amendments to the Bill directing the Tryal of Slaves committing Capital Crimes and for the more effectual punishing of Conspiracies and Insurrections of them and for the better Governm^t of Negros, Mulattos & Indians Bond or ffree. The Burgesses had made some Amendments to the Councils Amendm^ts and desire their Honours to pass that Bill as it is so Amended. And also that the Burg^ses' had passed a Bill for dissolving the parish of *Wilmington* in the County of *Charles City* and for adding the same to other parishes To wch they desire ye Councils concurrence

The Amendments proposed by the Burgesses to ye Councils Amendm^ts on ye bill relating to Slaves were agreed to

Resolved That the Bill as amended do pass.

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for the Encouragement of divers useful and beneficial Works and Manufactures* Read the 2^d time and

A Debate arising thereon.

Ordered That the Debate be adjourn'd.

And then the Council adj^d till *Munday* Morñ 11 a Clock.

Munday June the 17th 1723.

Present

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, Nathl Harrison, Mann Page, Peter Beverley & John Robinson Esq^rs

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for dissolving the parish of* Wilmington *in the Countys of* James City *and* Charles City *and adding the same to other parishes* Read the first time and

Ordered a 2^d Reading

And sundry Petitions presented by the Inhab^ts of the s^d Parish against dissolving the said Parish being Read

Ordered That the Petitioners be heard to morrow before the said Bill be Read a 2^d time.

And then the Council adj^d till to morr morñ 9 a Clock.

Tuesday June 18th 1723.

Present

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, Willm Bassett, Nathl Harrison, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley & John Robinson Esq^rs

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for the settling and better Regulation of the Militia* Read the 3^d time with the Amendments

Resolved

That the Bill as Amended be Agreed to and

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Bill to the Burgesses and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *McCarty* & others that the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Entd *An Act appointing a Treaſr and impowering him to receive the moneys in the hands of the late Treaſurer:* To which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council

A Bill Entd *An Act appointing a new Treaſurer & impowering him to receive the moneys in the hands of the late Treaſurer.* Read the firſt time and

Ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Inhabts of the pariſh of *Wilmington* who petitioned agst diſſolving the ſaid pariſh; were called in and heared & then withdrew

A Bill Entd *An Act for diſſolving the pariſh of* Wilmington *in the Countys of* James City *and* Charles City *and adding the ſame to other pariſhes:* was Read the 2d time and Committed for Amendmts

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *McCarty* and others That the Burgeſſes had prepared an Addreſs to the King In which they deſire the Council to joine wth them. And alſo that they had agreed to all the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill for the Settling and better Regulation of the Militia wth a ſmall Amendmt

Ordered that the ſaid Amendmts be agreed to.

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs as amended.

A Bill Entd *An Act for enlarging the Juriſdiction of the Court of Huſtings in the City of* Williamſburgh *within the Limits thereof.* Read the ſecond time and committed for Amendmts

And then the Council adjd till to morrow morning 10 a Clock

Wedneſday June 19th 1723

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Addreſs to his Majty prepared and ſent up from the Burgeſs being read—

Reſolved

That the Council wll joine wth the Burgeſſes in ye Addreſs to his Majeſty.

Ordered

That the ſaid Addreſs be Amended and that the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Addreſs to the Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendment.

A Bill Entd *An Act for diſſolving the pariſh of* Wilmington *in the Countys of* James City *and* Charles City *and adding it to other pariſhes*

Read the third time wth the Amendmts

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill wth the Amendmts be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to the ſd Amendmts

A Bill Entd *An Act for enlarging the Juriſdiction of the Court of Huſtings in the City of* Williamſburgh *within the Limits thereof*

Read the third time wth the Amendmts

Reſolved

That the Bill as Amended be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to ye ſd Amendmts

The Council reſumed the adjourned Debate upon the Bill Entd *An Act for the Encouragement of divers uſeful and beneficial Works and Manufactures.*

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly

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A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *McCarty* and others who brought divers Reſolves of that Houſe for payment of money for publick Services. To wch they deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* and others That the Burgeſſes had agreed to the Amendmts to the Bills for dividing the pariſh of *Wilmington*, and to the Bill for enlarging the Juriſdiction of the Court of Huſtings in the City of *Williamſburgh* within the Limits thereof.

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bills be paſſed as Amended.

A Bill Entd *An Act appointing a Treaſurer and impowering him to receive the money in the hands of the late Treaſurer.* Read the 2d time And a Debate ariſing thereon the Queſtion was put, That the Clauſe in the ſaid Bill for payment of the Salary of the Burgeſſes be ſtruck out, *It paſſed in the Negative.* Then the Queſtion was put That the Clauſe in the ſaid Bill whereby the ſum of £4000—& £1200— given by a former Act as a Bounty for making Tarr & Hemp is declared not to be appropriated be ſtruck out? *It paſſed in the Negative*—And then a Queſtion being put That the Clauſe in the ſaid Bill for transfering the money in the hands of the late Treaſr into the hands of the Treaſurer appointed by this Act be ſtruck out? *It paſſed in the Negative.* And ſome Amendments being made to the ſd Bill.

Ordered that the Bill wth the Amendments be Read a third time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Eskridge* and others That the Burgeſſes had paſſed the Book of proportions, And alſo a Bill Entd *an Act for raiſing a Publick Levy*, to wch they deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *McCarty* and others, That the Burgeſſes had agreed to the Amendments propoſed by their Honrs to the Addreſs to his Majty and deſire the Council to appoint ſome of their Members to attend the Governor with ſome Members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes to know when both Houſes may attend wth their Addreſs to his Majty

The Council thereupon applyed to the Governor to know his pleaſure when he will receive the ſaid Addreſs. And

His Honr appointing it to be brought up at the paſſing of the Bills.

Ordered That the ſame be ſignified to the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

Adjourn'd for an Hour.

THE Book of Proportions was read over and agreed to.

A Bill Entd *An Act for raiſing a publick Levy:* Read the 1ſt time and *Ordered* a ſecond Reading

A Bill Entd *An Act appointing a Treaſurer and impowering him to receive the money in the hands of the late Treaſurer.* Read the third time wth the Amendments.

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs as Amended.

A Bill Entd *An Act for raiſing a publick Levy.* Read the 2d time and

Ordered a third Reading

A Bill Entd *An Act for raiſing a publick Levy.* Read the third time.

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs.

On Conſideration of the ſeveral Reſolves ſent up from the Burgeſſes the ſame were agreed to as follow *Vizt*

Reſolved

That the ſum of one hundred pounds out of the Publick money in the hands of the Treaſurer be paid to the Governor to be employed in repairing the Arms in the Magazine and Governors Houſe.

Reſolved

Resolved

That Mr *John Holloway*, Mr *John Clayton* & Mr *Archibald Blair* be impowered to agree wth Workmen to build two Stacks of Chimneys with two fire places in each Chimney, at the North End of the Capitol & that the Charge thereof be defrayed out of the publick money in the Hands of *Peter Beverley* Esqr Treasurer.

Ordered

That Mr *John Holloway* and Mr *John Clayton* who have the care of repairing the Capitol, do cause all the Windows in the Chambers on the 1st & 2d floor of the Capitol to be made to run wth Leads, and that the Charge thereof be paid out of the publick money in the hands of *P: Beverley* Esqr Treasurer.

Resolved

That the Sum of Seventy pounds out of the publick money in the hands of the Treasurer be paid to Mr *John Randolph* Clerk of the House of Burgesses for twenty eight Copys of the Laws and Proportions of this Session of Assembly, to be sent by him to the respective Countys of this Colony.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Resolves to the House of Burgesses together with the Book of proportions & the bill for raising a publick Levy

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *McCarty* and others That they had made some Amendments to the Councils Amendments to the Bill Entd *An Act appoing a Treasurer and impowering him to receive the Moneys in the hands of the late Treasurer*, And desire they will pass the Bill according to those Amendments.

Resolved

That the Bill as Amended do pass

And then the Council Adjourn'd till to morr morñ 9 a Clock.

Thursday June 20o 1723.

Present

EDMUND JENINGS, Robert Carter, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, John Lewis, Willm Bassett, Nathl Harrison, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley & John Robinson Esqrs

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *McCarty* & others that the Burgesses had commanded them to wait on their Honrs wth the Address to the King signed by their Speaker, and desire the Council will cause it to be signed in such manner as they shall think fitt, and then returned to their House,—

Ordered That the said Address be signed by Mr President *Jenings* in the Name of the Council, and the same was Signed accordingly, & is as follows

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The humble Address of the Council & House of Burgesses of Virginia

Permit Us most gracious Soverain the Council & Burgess's of Your Ancient Colony of *Virginia*, now met . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 392-393.]

[The 2nd paragraph in the MS. begins:]

We cannot but with Horror reflect* . . . . . .

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Assbly return the said Address to the House of Burgesses.

A Message from the Burgsss by Mr *Thornton* & others that the Burgesses had examined the Inrolled Bills past this Session, and had sent them to their Honrs for their Examination.

The Council having perused the said Bills.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Bills to the Burgesses and acquaint them that the Council are satisfied the same were truely Inrolled.

Present

* See Journals of the House of Burgesses, 1712-26, p. 292, and note.

Prefent The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go to the Houfe of Burgeffes and command their immediate Attendance on the Governor in the Council Chamber wth fuch Bills as are ready for his Affent—

The Burgeffes attending Mr *Speaker* prefented the fev^{l} Bills paffed the Council & Burgeffes this Seffion and the Governor was pleafed to give his Affent to the fame, wch are as follow *Viz^{t}* . . . . . [For the 15 enumerated Acts, fee J. of H. of B., p. 395.]

Then the Speaker of the Houfe of Burgeffes delivered to the Governor, the Addrefs of both Houfes to the King requefting his Hon^{r} to tranfmitt it to *Great Brittain,* and to get it prefented to his Majefty in the beft manner.

Upon wch the Governor was pleafed to anfwer

Gent^{n}

I am pleafed to find fuch zeal expreffed for his Maj^{tys} perfon & Governm^{t}, I w^{ll} take care to tranfmit this Addrefs by the firft Oppertunity, & will be ever ready to do all the good Offices with his Maj^{ty} for the fupport of this Government

And then the Governor made the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council & Houfe of Burgeffes

I am come . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 395-396.]

Examind

Wil Robertfon Cl Genl Aff^{ly}

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to meet the 5th of *December* in the ninth Year of our Sovereign Lord *George* by the Grace of God of *Great Brittain, France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the Faith &c^a^, and by Prorogation begun and held at the Capitol the 9th day of *May* 1723—

And thence continued by ſeveral Prorogations to and held on *Thurſday* the 12th day of *May* 1726 in the 12th Year of his ſaid Majeſtys Reign

[From the Public Record Office, *London*, Colonial Office, Clafs 5, Vol. 1418.]

At a General Affembly Summoned to meet the 5th of *December* in the ninth Year of our Sovereign Lord *George* by the Grace of God of *Great Brittain, France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the Faith &c^a^, and by Prorogation begun and held at the Capitol the 9th day of *May* 1723—

And thence continued by feveral Prorogations to and held on *Thurfday* the 12th day of *May* 1726 in the 12th Year of his faid Majeftys Reign

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[*May* 12th, 1726.]

Prefent

THE Honble *Hugh Dryfdale* his Majeftys Lieu^t^ Governor and Commander in Cheif, *James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Carter, Richd Fitzwilliam & John Grymes* Efq^rs^—

The Governor being informed that the Burgeffes were mett in their Houfe, and waited his Honours Commands

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go to the Houfe of Burgeffes, and command their immediate Attendance on the Governor in the Council Chamber,—The Burgeffes attending accordingly—

The Governor was pleafed to acquaint the Council and Burgeffes that he had prepared a Speech to this Affembly, but being unable to fpeak himfelf through the Weaknefs of his Voice, occafioned by a long indifpofition, he had directed what he had prepared to be read to them by the Clerk of the General Affembly—Which was accordingly read and is as follows—

Gentlemen of the Council and Houfe of Burgeffes,

It is with entire Satisfaction . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1712-1726, pp. 399-400.]

The Governor being withdrawn his Speech was read, And thereupon

Refolved

That an humble Addrefs be made to the Govr on the Subject Matter of his Speech, and that this Houfe will proceed to the Confideration of proper heads for the fame Tomorrow Morning—

And then the Council adj^d^ till Tomorrow morñ 10 a Clock

Friday May the 13th 1726.

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Carter, Richard Fitzwilliam & John Grymes Efq^rs^

A Petition of *James Adams* praying his ufual Allowance as Interpreter to the *Pomunkey*, and *Chicahominy* Indians Read &

Ordered

That the faid Petition be referred to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes

The Council (according to order) proceeded to the Confideration of the Governors Speech, and of proper heads for an Addrefs thereon, and after fome time fpent therein—*Refolved*, That Mr Com^ry^ *Blair*, and Mr Secretary *Carter*, be appointed a Committee to prepare, and bring in an Addrefs to the Governor

Ordered

Ordered

That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed to prepare an Addreſs to the Governor, to acknowledge the happineſs We enjoy under his Hon^{rs} Adminiſtration, to return our unfeigned thanks for his Affectionate Speech, to aſſure his Hon^{r} of our Concurrence to promote the good Ends mentioned therein, and to expreſs our Concern for the ill State of his Health, and the neceſſity occaſion'd thereby of his leaving this Country, And with all to aſſure him of our conſtant Care to preſerve the Colony in Loyalty and peace, and our Endeavours that this Seſſion may have a happy Concluſion,

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Blair* and Mr *Willis*, that the Houſe had appointed their Chaplain to read prayers every day at ten in the morning and had directed them to give their Hon^{rs} Notice thereof

Mr Com^{ry} *Blair* from the Committee appointed to prepare an Addreſs to the Governor, reported, that they had prepared the ſa.ne, wc̄h he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was read and agreed to and Ordered to be fairly tranſcribed

Ordered

That *Richard Fitzwilliam*, & *John Grymes* Eſq^{rs} wait on the Governor and acquaint his Hon^{r} that the Council have prepared an humble Addreſs to his Hon^{r} on the Subject matter of his Speech, and deſire to know his pleaſure when and where he will be attended with the ſ^{d} Addreſs.

And then the Council Adjournd till Tomorrow morñ 10 a Clock.

Saturday May the 14th 1726.

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

Richard Fitzwilliam Eſq^{r} reported That the perſons appointed had waited on the Governor to know his pleaſure, when and where he would be attended with the Addreſs of this Houſe, and that his Hon^{r} had been pleaſed to appoint this morning at 11 a Clock in the Council Chamber.

Preſent

The Governor

The Council preſented to the Governor the following Addreſs.

To the Honble Hugh Dryſdale *his Maj^{tys} Lieu^{t} Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of* Virginia

May it pleaſe Your Honour

We his Majeſtys moſt dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Council of *Virginia*, gladly embrace this Oppertunity of our ſecond meeting in Aſſembly, to acknowledge our happineſs under your juſt and mild Adminiſtration, and to return our unfeigned thanks for you honours kind and affectionate Speech to both Houſes, at the Opening of this Seſſion

As We are truly ſenſible that the eaſe of the people prevailed wth Your Honour to agree to ſo many prorogations of this Aſſembly, ſo We are equally ſatisfied that your calling us together at this time, proceeds from your regard to the publick Credit, And We doubt not thoſe Debts and Contingencies, which have neceſſarily ariſen ſince our laſt Seſſion, will be now chearfully provided for, to Your Hon^{rs} entire Satisfaction.

It is with the greateſt gratitude that We reflect on the tender & generous Concern, you expreſs for the good of us and our poſterity; and We beg leave to aſſure your Hon^{r}, that as We have the ſame Sentiments of thoſe great Advantages you are pleaſed ſo affectionately to point out to us, We ſhall not be wanting on our part, to promote your Hon^{rs} good Intentions, and to give convincing proofs of the great Value We have for your Recommendation

After the many Inſtances of your diſintereſted zeal for promoting the publick benefite of this Colony, We cannot but be deeply afflicted that the ill State of your health, and the neceſſity of repairing to *England* on that account, ſhould ſo ſoon deprive us of the happineſs of your preſence. Permit us on this occaſion to aſſure Your Hon^{r} of our ſincere Wiſhes for your recovery, and ſpeedy return, and of our utmoſt care to preſerve during your Abſence that Loyal and peaceable temper which your Hon^{r} ſo juſtly

juſtly obſerves to be the Character of the people of this Country, and as your Adminiſtration has hitherto been accompany'd with a remarkable Tranquility, it ſhall be our Endeavours in all our Conſultations to proceed with that Harmony which is neceſſary for accompliſhing theſe Views you have for the publick Good, & to bring this Seſſion to a happy Concluſion.

To which the Governor was pleaſed to make ye following Anſwer

Gentlemen of the Council,

It is a pleaſure to me to ſee my Endeavours for the Kings Service, and the proſperity of this his ancient Colony, are agreeable to You—I promiſe every one of you to do every thing within the Verge of my Authority to merit the Continuance of your reſpects to me

The Burgeſſes attending the Governor preſented the following Addreſs.

To the Honble Hugh Dryſdale *his Majeſtys Lt Govr & Commander in Chief of* Virginia

The humble Addreſs of the Houſe of Burg^ſs's

Sir,

The Burgeſſes of this His Majeſtys . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 401-402.]

To which the Governor returned the following Anſwer

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

I have a juſt Senſe of the kindneſs you expreſs to me in this Addreſs, I aſſure you I ſhall always aim at ye Welfare of the people of this Colony, while I have the Honour of preſiding among you—

Sundry propoſitions from *Surry* County were read, and referred to the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Adjourn'd till *Monday* morñ 10 a Clock

Munday May the 16th 1726.

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, Peter Beverley, John Carter & Richard Fitzwilliam Eſq^rs

The Council mett and

Adjourn'd till Tomorr morñ 10 aclock.

Tueſday May the 17th 1726

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, Peter Beverley, John Carter & Richard Fitzwilliam Eſq^rs

A Propoſition from divers Inhabitants of *James Citty* County was preſented and read, and

Ordered to be referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morñ 10 a Clock.

Wedneſday May the 18th 1726

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter & Richd Fitzwilliam Eſq^rs

A Propoſition from divers Inhabitants of *James Citty* County, for a Law to reſtrain the keeping of Hoggs at large within ten miles of the Flowing of the Tide, Read and

Ordered That the ſame be referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

And then the Council Adj^d till Tomorr morning 10 a clock.

Thurſday

Thurſday May the 19th 1726

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council mett, and having nothing before them Adjourn'd till Tomorr morñ 10 a Clock.

Friday May the 20th 1726

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, William Byrd, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter and *Richd Fitzwilliam* Eſqrs

Several Propoſitions from the Inhabitants of *Spotſilvania* ſeverally praying that Land may be Appropriated for building a Town in the ſaid County, Read and Referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes—

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Spotſylvania*, and other Frontier Countys, praying that the Ferry formerly eſtabliſhed at the Leaſe Land Wharf to Mrs *Fitzhughs* may be altered, and a new Ferry more convenient appointed, about a mile lower down the River, Read, and Referred

To the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Sundry Grievances and propoſitions from *Spotſylvania* County concerning the building their Church and Court Houſe, & complaining of Colo *Alexander Spotſwood*'s miſapplication of the money given by Act of Aſſembly for that purpoſe, and the ſupplying the ſaid County with Arms and Ammunition, Read, and

Referred

To the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

A Grievance from ſundry Inhabitants of *King* and *Queen* County, praying that no part of the ſaid County may be joined to a new County petitioned for by Dr *Lomax* by a Diviſion of the County of *Eſſex*, Read, and the Queſtion being put whether the ſaid Grievance ſhall be Referred to the Burgeſſes with a Remark on it?

It paſſed in the Negative

Ordered

That the ſaid Grievances be referred as uſual

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of *Gloſter* Town praying that a Law may paſs to prevent the Inconveniency of keeping Swine in the ſaid Town, Read and Referred to the Houſe of Burgeſſes

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Cole* and others who brought the Accounts of the late and preſent Treaſurer, and deſired the Councils Concurrence thereto, and that they would alſo obtain the Governors Aſſent thereto—

Abſent *Peter Beverley* Eſqr

And the ſaid Accots being Read were agreed to

A Motion being made that a bill be brought in for Regiſtring Mortgages made of Real and perſonal Eſtate

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared accordingly, and that Mr *Comry*, *William Byrd* and *Peter Beverley* Eſqrs do prepare, and bring in the ſame

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* and others who brought a Bill Entd *an Act for Laying a duty on Liquors* & alſo a bill Entd *An Act for reviving and continuing two Acts therein mentioned*, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 a Clock

Saturday May the 21ſt 1726

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, William Byrd, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter and *Richard Fitzwilliam* Eſqrs

A Bill Entd *an Act for laying a Duty on Liquors.* Read the firſt time, and Ordered to be read a ſecond time

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for reviving and continuing two Acts therein mentioned*, Read the firſt time, and

Ordered

To be Read a ſecond time

Abſent *Philip Ludwell & Jno Carter* Eſq^rs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* and others who brought a Bill Ent^d *An Act for the more effectual preventing the bringing Tobacco from* North Carolina, and a Bill Ent^d *an Act to prevent the Setting of Hedges into Rivers and Creeks, and the falling Trees therein*, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for the more effectual preventing the bringing Tobacco from* North Carolina, Read the firſt time, and

Ordered

To be read a ſecond time

A Bill Ent^d *an Act to prevent the Setting of Hedges into Rivers and Creeks, and the falling trees therein*, Read the firſt and Ordered To be read a ſecond time—

And then the Council Adjourn'd till *Munday* morning ten a clock

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Munday May the 23^d 1726

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, William Byrd, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter & Richd Fitzwilliam Eſq^rs

A bill Ent^d *An Act for laying a Duty on Liquors* read the ſecond time, and a Debate ariſing thereon a queſtion was put that the debate thereon be Adjourned, *It paſſed in the Affirmative*

Abſent *Richard Fitzwilliam* Eſq^r

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* & others who brought a bill Ent^d *an Act for exempting the Preſident, Maſters & others reſiding in the College of* William *and* Mary *from payment of Levies*, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Reſolved

That this Houſe will on *Wedneſday* morning next reſume the debate on the bill Ent^d *an Act for laying a Duty on Liquors.*

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for exempting the Preſident, Maſters and others reſiding in the College of* William *and* Mary *from payment of Levies*, Read the firſt time, and

Ordered To be read a ſecond time

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for the more effectual preventing ye bringing in Tobacco from* North Carolina—Read the ſecond time

Preſent *Mann Page* Eſq^r

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Committed for Amendments.

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for preventing the Setting of Hedges into Rivers and Creeks, and the falling of Trees therein*, Read the ſecond time

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Committed for Amendments

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for reviving and continuing two Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned*, Read the ſecond time, And, Ord^d To be read a 3^d time

John Grymes Eſq^r Preſent

Mr *Com^ry* reported from the Comittee appointed for that purpoſe had prepared a Bill Ent^d *an Act for further ſettling the Titles of Lands, and for preventing Clandeſtine Mortgages*, and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read the 1^ſt time Tomorrow

Adj^d till Tomorr̃ morñ 10 a Clock.

Tueſday

Tuesday May the 24th 1726

Present

JAMES BLAIR, Phil: Ludwell, Willm Byrd, Mann Page, Cole Diggs, Peter Beverley, John Robinson, John Carter, Richd Fitzwilliam & John Grymes Esqrs

A Petition of the Inhabitants of that part of *St Pauls* Parish wch lys between the South & North Branches of *Pomunkey* River, praying to be Erected into a new Parish; Read, and Referred to ye House of Burgesses.

A Petition of *William Pullian[m]* for a Ferry over *Pomunkey* River Read, and Referred to the Consideration of the House of Burgesses.

A Bill Entd *an Act for the more effectual preventing the bringing Tobacco from* North Carolina, *and the Bounds in Controversey*, Read the third time with the amendmts

Resolved,

That the Bill as amended be Agreed to

Richard Fitzwilliam Esqr Survr Genl of his Majtys Customs dissents to ye passing this Bill for ye reasons following 1st because it is unjust to obstruct the people of our neighbouring province from bringing the produce of their Labour to Our ports for Exportation 2dly It amounts to the prohibition on ye making of Tobacco in *Carolina* since they have no Ports of their own from whence it can be Exported to *Great Brittain*, and by Consequence tends to the lessening his Majestys Revenue in *England*—And 3dly Because it lessens the Revenue of 2s ℔ hogshead Appropriated for the Support of this Government—

A Bill Entd *an Act to prevent the Setting of Hedges into Rivers and Creeks, and the falling of Trees therein*, was read the third time with the Amendments—

Resolved, That the said Bill as amended be agreed to—

Ordered That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the sd amended Bills to the Burgesses, and desire their Concurrence to the sd Amendmts

A Bill Entd *an Act for reviving, and continuing two Acts therein mentioned*, Read the third time

Resolved That the Bill be agreed to

Ordered That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the sd Bill to the House of Burgesses

A Bill Entd *an Act for Exempting the President, Masters & Scholars of the College of* William *and* Mary *from the payment of Levies*, Read the second time and Committed for Amendments

Ordered

That the Bill Entd *an Act for further Settling the Titles of Land, and for preventing Clandestine Mortgages*, be read Tomorrow

Adjd till Tomorrow morning 10 a Clock

Wednesday May the 25th 1726

Present

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, William Byrd, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinson & John Grymes Esqrs

A Bill Entd *an Act for further Settling the Titles of Lands, & for preventing Clandestine Mortgages*, Read the 1st time, and

Ordered To be Read a second time

Present

John Carter & Rd Fitzwilliam Esqrs

A Bill Entd *an Act for Exempting the President & Masters and Scholars residing in the College of* William & Mary *from ye paymt of publick Levies*, Read the third time wth the Amendments

Resolved

That the Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Bill to the Burgesses, and desire their Concurrence to the sd Amendmts

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A Petition of divers Freeholders and Inhabitants of *St George*'s Parifh in *Spotfylvania* County, praying that the Veftry of the faid parifh may be diffolved, Read and

Ordered

To be referred to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes.

The Houfe (according to Order) refum'd the Adjourned Debate upon the Bill Ent^d *an Act Laying a Duty on Liquors*, and after fome time fpent therein

Ordered

That the faid Bill be read a third time Tomorrow

And then the Council Adj^d till Tomorrow morñ 10 a clock.

Thurfday May the 26th 1726

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, William Byrd, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinfon, John Carter, Richd Fitzwilliam & John Grymes Efq^rs

A Bill Ent^d *an Act Laying a Duty on Liquors*, Read the third time,

Refolved

That the Bill do pafs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the faid Bill to the Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendments

Abfent *Philip Ludwell* Efq^r

A Motion being made that Leave be given to bring in a Bill for remedying the Inconveniencies arifing by the unfeafonable Shipping of Tobacco,—Leave is accordingly granted, and That *William Byrd* and *John Carter* Efq^rs do prepare and bring in the faid Bill—

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Randolph* and others, that the Houfe had paffed a Bill Ent^d *an Act appointing a Treafurer*, and alfo a Bill Ent^d *an Act for Erecting a Chappel of Eafe in the County of* Weftmorland, To which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for further Settling the Titles of Lands and preventing Clandeftine Mortgages*, Read the fecond time

Ordered

That the faid Bill be Committed for Amendments

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Randolph* and others, that the Houfe had commanded them to return the Bill Ent^d *an Act for exempting the Prefident Mafters and others refiding in the College of* William *&* Mary *from paying of Levies*, and to acquaint their Honors, that the Houfe, *nemine contradicente*, had difagreed to their Hon^rs Amendments, and defire this Houfe to pafs the Bill without thofe Amendments

Ordered

That the Confideration of the faid Meffage Be referred till the firft day of *July* next

A Bill from the Burgeffes Ent^d *an Act appointing a Treafurer* Read the firft time, and

Ordered

To be Read a fecond time

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for Erecting a Chappel of Eafe in the County of* Weftmorland, Read the firft time, and

Ordered

To be read a fecond time

A Bill Ent^d *an Act appointing a Treafurer*, Read the fecond time,

Ordered

That the faid Bill be read a third time Tomorrow

Adjournd till Tomorrow morning 10 a Clock

Friday

Friday May the 27th 1726

Prefent

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Phil: Ludwell, Willm Byrd, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinfon, John Carter, Richd Fitzwilliam* and *John Grymes* Efqrs

A Bill Entd *an Act appointing a Treafurer.* Read the third time

Refolved

That the faid Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the faid Bill to the Houfe of Burgeffes

A Bill Entd *an Act for Erecting a Chappel of Eafe in the County of* Weftmorland, Read the fecond time—And the Queftion being put That the faid Bill be Read a third time—

It paffed in the Negative

Refolved

(upon a motion made) That a Bill be prepared for amending the Act concerning Servants and Slaves, and for the further preventing the Clandeftine Tranfportation of perfons out of this Colony

William Byrd Efqr Reported that the perfons appointed had prepared a Bill Entd *an Act for remedying divers Inconveniencies arifing by the unfeafonable Shipping of Tobacco,* and the faid Bill was received and Read the firft time and

Ordered To be read a fecond time.

Prefent the Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go to the Houfe of Burgeffes, and Command their Attendance on the Governor in the Council Chamber with the Bill for laying a Duty on Liquors, and the Bill appointing a Treafurer in order to receive his Affent—The Burgeffes attending, Mr *Speaker* prefented to the Governor the following Bills paffed the Council, and that Houfe, for his Affent which accordingly were affented to, and Signed by the Governor, and by the Speaker *Vizt*

An Act laying a Duty on Liquors &

An Act appointing a Treafurer

The Amendments to the Bill Entd *an Act for the Settling the Titles of Lands and preventing Clandeftine Mortgages* were read

Ordered

That the faid Bill with the Amendments be Engroffed

And then the Council Adjd Till Tomorr morñ 10 a Clock

Saturday May the 28th 1726

Prefent

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinfon, John Carter, Richard Fitzwilliam & John Grymes* Efqrs

Ordered

That the Bill Entd *an Act for further Settling the Titles of Lands, and for preventing Clandeftine Mortgages* be read a third time on *Thurfday* next

A Bill Entd *an Act for remedying divers Inconveniences arifing by the Unfeafonable Shipping of Tobacco,* Read the fecond time

Ordered

That the faid Bill be Engroffed

A Bill Entd *an Act for amending the Act concerning Servants and Slaves, and for the further preventing the Clandeftine Tranfportacon of perfons out of this Colony,* Read the firft time, and

Ordered

To be Read a fecond time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph*, and others who brought the following Bills *Vizt*

A Bill Entd *an Act to repeal the* Act directing the manner of Levying Executions, and for relief of poor priſoners for debt, *and one other Act to explain the ſaid Act, and to declare the Law concerning Executions and for relief of poor priſoners for debt*—

A Bill Entd *an Act for Settling new Ferries over* Rappahanock Northanna *and* Appamatock *Rivers*

A Bill Entd *an Act for dividing the Pariſh of* St Pauls *in* Hanover *County* and

A Bill Entd *an Act to prevent Swine running at large within the Limitts of the Town* Gloceſter, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Bill Entd *an Act to divide* St Pauls *pariſh in* Hannover *County*, Read the firſt time and

Ordered

To be read a ſecond time—

Adjourn'd till *munday* morning 10 a Clock

Monday May the 30th 1726

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Peter Beverley, Richd Fitzwilliam, John Grymes Eſqrs

A Engroſſed Bill Entd *an Act for remedying divers Inconveniences ariſing through the unſeaſonable Shipping of Tobacco*, Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſd Bill to the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and deſire their Concurrence thereto

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* and others, That they had paſſed a Bill Entd *an Act for Erecting a Court Houſe in* Spotſylvania *County* to wch they deſire their Honrs concurrence.

A Bill Entd *an Act for amending the Act concerning Servants & Slaves, and for the further preventing the Clandeſtine Tranſportation of perſons out of this Colony*, Read the ſecond time and Amended

Ordered

That the Bill be Engroſſed

A Bill Entd *an Act to repeal the Act Entd* an Act directing the manner of Levying Executions and for Relief of poor priſoners for debt *and one other Act to explain the ſd Act and to declare the Law concerning Executions & for relief of poor priſoners for Debt* Read the firſt time and

Ordered

A Second Reading

A Bill Entd *an Act for Settling new Ferries over* Rappahanock Northanna *and* Appamatock *Rivers*, Read the firſt time and

Ordered

To be read a ſecond time

A Bill Entd *an Act to prevent Swine running at large within the Limitts of the Town of* Glouceſter, Read the firſt time and

Ordered

To be read a ſecond time

A Bill Entd *an Act for Erecting a Court Houſe in* Spotſylvania *County*, Read the firſt time, and

Ordered

To be read a ſecond time

A

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for dividing the parish of* St Paul *in* Hanover *County*, Read the second time and

Ordered

To be read the third time

And then the Council Adj^d till Tomorrow morñ 10 a Clock.

Tuesday May 31st 1726

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Conway* and others, That the House had passed a Bill Ent^d *an Act to confirm the Title of* Richard Randolph *to certain Entailed Lands, and to settle other Lands of greater Value, and two Negro Slaves to the same Uses*, To which they desire the Concurrence of this House

John Robinson Esqr Pres^t

A Bill Ent^d *an Act to repeal the Act Ent^d* an Act directing the manner of Levying Executions, and for relief of poor prisoners for Debt *and one other Act to explain the s^d Act, and to declare the Law concerning Executions and for relief of poor Prisoners for Debt*, Read the second time,

Ordered That the Bill be committed for Amendments

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for dividing* St Pauls *parish in* Hannover *County*, Read the 3^d time

Resolved

That the Bill be Agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Bill to the Burgesses

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for Settling new Ferries over* Rappahanock Northanna & Appamatock *Rivers*, Read the second time and

Ordered

To be Read a third time

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for Erecting a Court House in* Spotsylvania *County*, Read the second time and

Ordered

To be read a third time

A Bill Ent^d *an Act to prevent Swine running at large w^th^in the Limitts of the Town* Glocester, Read the second time

Ordered

That the Bill be read a third time

A Bill Ent^d *an Act to confirm the Title of* Richd Randolph *to certain Entailed Lands, and to settle other Lands of greater Value, and two Negro Slaves to the same Uses*, Read the first time &

Ordered

To be Read a second time

Resolved

That this House doth expect the allegations in the s^d bill cont^d be made out before the s^d bill be read a second time

And then the Council Adj^d till Tomorr^w morñ 10 a Clock.

Wednesday June the 1st 1726

Present

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinson, Richd Fitzwilliam & John Grymes* Esq^rs

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for Settling new Ferries over* Rappahanock Northanna *and* Appamotock *Rivers*, Read the third time

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to

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A Bill Ent^d *An Act to prevent Swine running at large within the Limitts of the Town* Glouceſter, Read the third time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bills to the Burgeſſes—

An Engroſſed Bill Ent^d *an Act for amending the Act concerning Servants and Slaves, and for the further preventing the Clandeſtine Tranſportation of perſons out of this Colony,* Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes, and deſire their Concurrence thereto

A Petition of the Subſcribers in behalf of themſelves and others Inhabitants of the pariſh of *Accomack* complaining of the Veſtry of the ſaid pariſh, and

A Petition of divers perſons in behalf of themſelves, and others the Inhabitants of *Elizabeth City* pariſh praying the ſaid Veſtry may be diſſolved,

Were ſeverally read and referred to the Conſideracõn of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Willis* and others who brought the Book of Claims, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* & others who brought Sev^l Reſolves for payment of money to wch they deſire the concurrence of this Houſe

And then the Council adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Thurſday June ye 2^d 1726

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Ent^d *an Act to repeal the Act Ent^d* an Act directing the manner of Levying Executions, and for releif of poor priſoners for debt, *and one other Act to explain the ſaid Act and to declare the Law concerning Executions, and for relief of poor Priſoners for debt,* Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendm^ts be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments

The Burgeſſes for the County of *Spotſylvania* having deſired to be hear'd on the Subject matter of the Bill now before this Houſe for Erecting a Court Houſe for that County, and this day attending and offering divers reaſons for removing the Court Houſe of that County, one of the ſaid Burgeſſes propoſed that Leave be given in the ſaid Bill to build ſuch Court-Houſe by the voluntary Contributions of the Juſtices and Inhabitants,— And being withdrawn

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be Amended

A meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* and others who acquainted the Houſe that they had prepared an humble Addreſs to his Majeſty to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, Alſo that the Burgeſſes had paſſed a Bill to make the Secretary of this Dominion for the time being a perſon capable in law to take & hold certain Lands therein cont^d and to make Leaſes thereof To wch they deſire the concurrence of this houſe

Then the Addreſs to the King was read and Agreed to, and is as follows

To

To the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty

The humble Addreſs of the Council and Burgeſſes of Virginia

Moſt Gracious Soverain

After ſo much rejoycing . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 419.]

Ordered

That the ſaid Addreſs be Signed by *Robert Carter* Eſq^r in the name of the Council

And the ſame was Signed accordingly and Ord^d to be returned to the Burgeſſes

An Engroſſed Bill for further Settling the Titles of Lands and for preventing Clandeſtine Mortgages read the third time—And the Queſtion being put that the Bill do paſs—The Houſe was divided thereon

A Bill Ent^d *an Act to make the Secretary of the Colony of* Virginia *for the time being a perſon capable in Law to take and hold certain Lands therein contained, and to make Leaſes thereof*, Read the firſt time and Ordered,

A Second Reading

A Bill Ent^d *an Act for Erecting a Court Houſe in* Spotſylvania *County*, Read the third time with the Amendments—

Reſolved

That the Bill as amended be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* and others that upon Conſideration of the Councils Amendments to the Bill Ent^d *an Act to repeal the* Act directing the manners of Levying Executions &c^a They had agreed to ſome of the ſaid Amendments, and to others had agreed with an Amendment, and had Agreed to ſtrike out ye whole Clauſe to which the laſt Amendment relates, and deſire the Council to paſs the ſaid Bill as it is agreed to by that Houſe

And the ſaid Amendments being read were agreed to

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* and others, that the Burgeſſes had agreed to the Councils Amendments to the Bill Ent^d *an Act for Erecting a Court houſe in* Spotſylvania *County*

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Endorſe on the ſaid Bill that the Same is agreed to as amended

A Certificate being produced that publication had been made in the Church and Chappel of *Verina* that *Elizabeth* and *James Cocke* intended to apply for a Bill to Cut off the Entail of certain Lands adjoyning to *Curles* in the ſ^d Pariſh, and the other Allegations of the ſaid Bill being made out to the Satisfaction of this Houſe—And thereupon

A Bill Ent^d *an Act to confirm the Title of* Richard Randolph *to certain Entailed Lands and to Settle other Lands of greater Value, and two Negro Slaves to the ſame Uſes*, Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered

A third Reading—

And then the Council Adj^d till Tomorr̃ morñ 10 a Clock.

June the 3^d 1726

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter, Richard Fitzwilliam & John Grymes Eſq^rs

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Book of Claims and the ſame being Read,

Reſolved

That the Council do agree to the ſaid Book

A Bill Ent^d *an Act to make the Secretary of the Colony of* Virginia *for the time being a perſon capable in Law to take and hold certain Lands therein mentioned, and to make Leaſes thereof*, Read the ſecond time and, Ordered To be read a third time

A Bill Ent^d *an Act to confirm the Title of* Richard Randolph *to certain Entailed Lands, and to Settle other Lands of greater Value & two Negro Slaves to the ſame Uſes*, Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

And then the Council Adj^d Till Tomorrow morñ 10 a Clock

Saturday June ye 4th 1726

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter, Richard Fitzwilliam & John Grymes Eſq^rs

A Bill Ent^d *an Act to make the Secretary of the Colony of* Virginia *for the time being a perſon capable in Law to take and hold certain Lands therein mentioned, and to make Leaſes thereof*, Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

Richard Fitzwilliam Eſq^r Abſ^t

The Houſe took into Conſideration ſeveral Orders and Reſolves of the Burgeſſes for payment of divers Sums out of the publick money in the Treaſurers hands, and the ſame were agreed to as follows *Viz^t*

Ordered

That the Wages of the Burgeſſes attending this Seſſion of Aſſembly & all the Charges of this Seſſion be paid out of the publick money in the Hands of *John Holloway* Eſq^r Treaſurer after the rate of ten ſhillings a hundred for Tobacco

Reſolved That the Council conſidering the preſent Circumſtances of the Country, do agree to this Order, but with this Declaration, That this Agreement to the payment of the Burgeſſes Wages in money ſhall not be drawn into precedent hereafter

Ordered

That the Sum of £20: 9: 2 out of the publick money in the hands of *John Holloway* Eſq^r Treaſurer be paid to M^r *Jno Clayton* the ſame being Expended by him purſuant to an Order of the General Aſſembly

Ordered

That the Sum of £70:— —out of the publick money in the Hands of *John Holloway* Eſq^r be paid to Mr *John Randolph* Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes for 28 Copies of the Laws of this Seſſion, to be ſent by him to the reſpective Counties

Ordered

That the Sum of £22: 10: 0—out of the publick money in the hands of *John Holloway* Eſq^r Treaſurer be paid to Mr *John Randolph* Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, for 4 Copies of the Laws and 4 Copies of the Journal of this Seſſion to be by him made out to the Governor, and one Copy of the Laws of this Seſſion for the uſe of the General Court

Ordered

That the Sum of £20: 0: 0 out of the publick money in the hands of *John Holloway* Eſq^r Treaſurer be paid to *John Frauncis* for his Service in putting the papers and Records of the Genl Aſſembly in Order, and making exact Liſts thereof—

Ordered

That the Sum of 13/6 be paid out of the publick money to Mr *Edwin Conway*. and the like Sum to Mr *William Ball* being for ſo much of wages laſt Seſſion remaining unpaid

Ordered

That the Sum of £1: 18: 0 be paid to Mr *William Crawford* for ſo much ſtill due to him for his wages in attending the General Aſſembly as a Burgeſs in 1722

Reſolved

Refolved,

That the Charge of all Repairs of the Capitol which have been made or ſhall be neceſſary to be made between this and the next Seſſion of Aſſembly be paid out of the publick money in the Hands of *John Holloway* Eſq^r^ Treaſurer, and that the Governor be deſired to iſſue his Warrant upon the Treaſurer for the payment thereof, and that the Accounts of ſuch Repairs be laid before the General Aſſembly at the next Seſſion

Ordered

That Mr *Archibald Blair* do pay the Ballance of the Account of the Negros ſold purſuant to an Act of laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly being £192: 7: 6 into the hands of *John Holloway* Eſq^r^ Treaſurer of *Virg^a^*

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly wait on the Governor & deſire his Aſſent to the Book of Claims and the ſeveral Orders & Reſolves paſſed this day, and then carry the ſame to the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till *Munday* morn 10 a Clock.

Munday June 6th 1726

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Philip Ludwell, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon and *Richard Fitzwilliam* Eſq^rs^

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* and others, that the Burgeſſes had agreed to an humble Repreſentation to his Maj^ty^ of the extraordinary proceedings in the Cauſe between the Ex^rs^ of *Micajah* and *Richard Perry* of *London* Merch^ts^ dec^d^ and the Ex^rs^ of *William Randolph* of *Virginia* Gent: dec^d^, In wc̄h Repreſentac̄on the Burgeſſes deſire the Council to joine with them

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* and others who brought the Book of Proportions of the publick Levy and a Bill Ent^d^ *an Act for raiſing a publick Levy*, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

The Book of Proportions peruſed by the Council was agreed to

A Bill Ent^d^ *an Act for raiſing a publick Levy*, read the firſt time and Ordered to be Read a ſecond time

A Bill Ent^d^ *an Act for raiſing a publick Levy*, Read the ſecond time, and Ordered to be read a third time.

And then the Council Adj^d^ Till Tomorr̄ morñ 10 a Clock.

Tueſday June the 7th 1726

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, Philip Ludwell, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter, Jno Grymes Eſq^rs^

A Bill Ent^d^ *an Act for raiſing a publick Levy,*

Read the third time

Refolved

That the Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſ^d^ Bill to the Houſe of Burgeſſes

The Council took into Conſideration the Repreſentation ſent up from the Houſe of Burgeſſes, And the ſame being read, was agreed to, and Signed by *Robert Carter* Eſq^r^ in behalf of the Council and is as follows

To

To the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty

The humble Repreſentation of the Council and Burgeſſes of Virginia

Moſt Gracious Soverain

Your Majeſtys moſt Dutiful . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 422-424.]

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly return the ſaid Repreſentation to the Burgeſſes, and acquaint them that the Council are ready to joine with them in the ſaid Repreſentation

Preſent *Richard Fitzwilliam* Eſq^r^

Abſent *Robert Carter & John Grymes* Eſq^rs^

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *William Randolph* and others who acquainted the Council that their Houſe had prepared an Addreſs to be preſented to the Govr at the Concluſion of this Seſſion, and deſire the Council to joine with them in the ſaid Addreſs

Then the ſaid Addreſs was read and Agreed to & is as follows

*To the Honble* Hugh Dryſdale *Eſq^r^ his Maj^tys^ Lt Govr & Comand^r^ in Chief of the Colony & Dominion of* Virginia

Sir,

The Council and Burgeſſes having . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 424-425.]

Ordered

That the ſaid Addreſs be Signed by Mr *Com^rs^* in the name of the Council—and that the Clerk of the General Aſſembly return the ſaid Addreſs to the Houſe of Burgeſſes

The Governor preſent

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and Command their Attendance on the Governor with ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent—Accordingly the Burgeſſes attending,

Mr *Speaker* read to the Governor the Addreſs of the Council and Burgeſſes and afterwards preſented the following Bills for his Aſſent . [For the Acts paſſed at this ſeſſion, ſee J. of H. of B., p. 425. The liſt as given in the Journal of the Council, however, does not contain the firſt two of the Acts given in the Journal of the Houſe; nor is the order of the Acts as given in the two liſts the ſame; and there are a few variations in wording between the two.]

And then the Speaker read and preſented the Addreſs and Repreſentation to his Majeſty To which the Governor was pleas'd to anſwer, that he ſhould take ye firſt Opportunity to tranſmitt this Addreſs, and Repreſentation to be preſented to his Majeſty.

And then the Governor made the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council and Houſe of Burgeſſes

The diſpatch you have given . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 425-426.]

Ex^d^

Wil Robertſon Cl Gen: Aſſ^ly^

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

begun and held at the Capitol on *Thurſday* the firſt day of *February* 1727 in the firſt year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the ſecond by the Grace of God of *Great Britain France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the Faith &c.

[From the Public Record Office, *London*, Colonial Office, Class 5, Vol. 1419.]

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[*Thurſday, February* 1ſt, 1727.]

Preſent

THE Honourable *William Gooch* Eſqr his Majeſty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, *James Blair, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Carter, Richard Fitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge* & *John Cuſtis* Eſqrs

The Gent of the Council appointed by the Governor to adminiſter the Oaths to the Burgeſſes, reported that they had adminiſtred the ſame to forty ſix members returned to ſerve in this Aſſembly, and alſo to Mr *William Robertſon* appointed by the Governor to be Clerk of the General Aſſembly.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and command their immediate attendance on the Governor in the Council Chamber

Accordingly the Burgeſſes attending the Governor

His Honr was pleaſed to expreſs himſelf as follows

Gent

I muſt firſt in Juſtice to you, as well as to myſelf, declare, how great a ſatisfaction it is to me to ſee the good people of this Colony ſo well repreſented, and in the next place, what I have to recommend to you is, that you return to your own Houſe, and from among yourſelves make choice of a fit perſon to be your Speaker

Then the Burgeſſes returned to their Houſe

And after ſome time,

A Meſſage was ſent from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Henry Harriſon* and others acquainting his Honr that they had made choice of a Speaker, and had appointed them to wait on his Honr to know when and where they ſhall attend to preſent him.

To which the Governor was pleaſed to anſwer, that he was ready now in the Council Chamber to receive the Houſe

The Burgeſſes accordingly attended the Governor & preſented *John Holloway* of the City of *Williamſburgh* Eſqr as their Speaker who having by a ſpeech excuſed himſelf from undertaking that great Truſt

The Governor was pleased to declare his approbation of the choice the Houſe had made

And then the Speaker proceeded to addreſs himſelf to the Governor in behalf of that Houſe, that all Rights & Priviledges belonging to them by law or cuſtom might be continued to this Houſe.

To which the Governor was pleaſed to anſwer that the preſervation of the Juſt Rights and Priviledges of the Houſe of Burgeſſes ſhould be his principal Care

And then the Governor made the following Speech

Gent of the Council & Houſe of Burgeſſes

Being by the ſpecial favour . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1727-1740, pp. 4-5.]

The Governor being withdrawn

Reſolved

Resolved by the Council in Assembly

That an humble Address be prepared to the Governor to return their thanks for his Speech at the opening of this Session

Ordered

That Mr Comissry *Blair*, Mr Secretary *Carter* & Mr *Recr General* be appointed a Comtee to prepare the said Address.

And then the Council adjourned till tomorrow Eleven in the forenoon

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Friday February 2d 1727

Present

MR COMRY *BLAIR, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Carter, Richard Fitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge & John Custis* Esqrs

Mr Comry *Blair* reported that (according to Order) the persons appointed had prepared an Address to the Governor in answer to his Speech, and the same was read and agreed to and is as follows.

To The Honorable William Gooch *Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor & Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of* Virginia

Sr

His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council of *Virginia* now met in General Assembly, beg leave to return your Honr our unfeigned thanks for the favour of your excellent speech at the opening of this Session, and to assure your Honr of the particular satisfaction we have in his Majesty's choice of you to preside over us.

'Tis with the greatest pleasure that we perceive all those principles of Piety, Loyalty, Justice and Moderation proposed as the rule of your Government, rendred still more amiable by your constant practice

We are truly sensible of the blessings we enjoy under our most gracious Sovereign, and while we see a race of Princes of the same Royal line, educated with the most pious care, & influenced by the bright example of his Majesty, and our most gracious Queen his Royal Consort, we cannot but adore the goodness of the Almighty, who has thus given us the agreeable prospect of the like felicity to our latest posterity.

Your concern for the due administration of Justice, the safety and increase of our Trade, and the continuance of those social vertues, which are so necessary to the peace and welfare of a Country, are so many proofs of your generous inclination to make us an happy and a contented people; and we pray Yor Honr to be assured of our hearty concurrence in these, and all other measures, which may render your administration agreeable to your self, and acceptable to the people under your Government

Ordered

That *John Grymes* and *William Dandridge* Esqrs wait on the Governor to know his pleasure when and where he will be attended with the said Address

Adjourned till to morrow Eleven aclock

Saturday February 3d 1727

Present

AS YESTERDAY

John Grymes Esqr reported that the persons appointed yesterday had waited on the Governor, and that his Honr was pleased to say he would be ready at one aclock in the Council Chamber to receive the Address of this House

Present The Governor

The Address of the Council was presented to the Governor, who was pleased to say,

Gent,

I thank you very heartily for this handsom and affectionate Address, I was perswaded I could not better recommend myself to the people of this Colony, than by the principles

principles I have advanced; and next to the promoting of Piety & Loyalty, it ſhall be my conſtant endeavour to preſerve a ſtrict friendſhip with you, Gentlemen of the Council

A Meſſage to the Governor by Mr *Harriſon* & others that the Houſe had prepared an Addreſs to his Honr and deſired to know when and where they ſhould attend him to preſent the ſame

To which the Governor anſwered that he ſhould be ready in the Council Chamber on *Munday* at twelve aclock.

A petition of *Nathanl Newby* & *Robert Jordan* in behalf of the people called Quakers in *Virginia* &

Several propoſitions and grievances from *Hanover* & *Lancaſter* Counties Read and *Ordered* to be referred to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Adjourned till *Munday* morning 11 aclock

Munday February 5th 1727

Preſent

THE Governor, *James Blair, Peter Beverley, John Carter, Richd Fitzwilliam, John Grymes, Wm Dandridge* & *John Cuſtis* Eſqrs

The Houſe of Burgeſſes (according to the Governor's appointment) this day waited on the Governor in the Council Chamber and preſented the following Addreſs

To The Honble William Gooch *Eſqr his Majeſtys Lieut Governor & Commander in Chief of the Colony & Dominion of* Virginia

Sr

We the King's moſt dutiful . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 7.]

To which the Governor anſwered

Mr Speaker *and Gent of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

I thank you . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 8.]

A petition of *James Adams* praying his uſual allowance as Interpreter to the *Pamunkey* & *Chickahomeny* Indians read and Referred to the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Adjourned till to morrow 10 aclock.

Tueſday February 6th 1727

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter, Richd Fitzwilliam, John Grymes, Willm Dandridge* & *John Cuſtis* Eſqrs

A petition of divers Inhabitants of *King William* County Read and Referred to the Conſideration of the houſe of Burgeſſes

Adjourned till to morrow morning 10 aclock

Wedneſday February the 7th 1727

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter, Richd Fitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge* & *John Cuſtis* Eſqrs

The Council met, and having no buſineſs before them

Adjourned till to morrow Ten aclock

Thurſday

Thurſday February the 8th 1727

Preſent

COLE DIGGES, *Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, Richd Fitzwilliam, John Grymes William Dandridge & John Cuſtis* Eſq^rs

A Petition of *Henry Embry* and others praying a reward for apprehending two Negro's who murdered *Henry Maynard* their Maſter Read &

Referred to the houſe of Burgeſſes

Mr Com^ry *Blair & John Carter* Eſq^r preſent

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Friday February 9th 1727

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council met &

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Saturday February 10th 1727

Preſent

MR COM^RY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter, Richd Fitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge & John Cuſtis* Eſq^rs

The Council met and

Adjourned till *Munday* Ten aclock

Munday February 12th 1727

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, *William Byrd, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter, Richd Fitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge & John Cuſtis* Eſq^rs

The Council met and

Adjourned till tomorrow 10 aclock

Tueſday February 13th 1727

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, *William Byrd, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter, Richd Fitzwilliam, John Grymes & John Cuſtis* Eſq^rs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* & others that the Burgeſſes had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act for further continuing the Act Entituled* An Act for ſecurity and defence of the Countrey in times of danger To which they deſire the concurrence of this Houſe

And the ſaid Bill was read a firſt time &

Ordered to be read a ſecond time

Adjourned till to morrow 10 aclock

Wedneſday

Wednesday February 14th 1727

Present

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinson, John Carter, Richard Fitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge & John Custis* Esqrs

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Harrison* and others that the House had prepared an Address to his Majesty in which they desire the Council to join

And the said Address was read and agreed to & is as follows

Most Gracious Sovereign

Your Majesty's most dutiful . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 20-21.]

Which said Address was sign'd by Mr *Commissary* in name of the Council and ordered to be returned

Resolved

That the Bill sent up from the Burgesses Entituled *An Act for further continuing the Act Entituled* An Act for security and defence of the Country in times of danger be read the second time on this day se'en night

Adjourned till to morrow 10 aclock.

Thursday February 15th 1727

Present

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinson, John Carter, Rich Fitzwilliam, John Grymes & William Dandridge Esqrs

Resolved

That a Bill be prepared for the better support and encouragement of the Clergy

Adjourned till tomorrow Ten aclock

Friday February 16th 1727

Present

THE Governor, *James Blair, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinson, John Carter, Richd Fitzwilliam, John Grymes & John Custis* Esqrs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Governor is ready in the Council Chamber to receive the address of the Council and Burgesses to his Majesty

The House of Burgesses attending, and the Council standing up in their places, the Speaker read and presented the said Address to his Majesty

To which the Governor made answer

Gent of the Council and House of Burgesses.

Being convinced that these professions . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 22.]

Adjourned till to morrow 10 aclock

Saturday Febry the 17th 1727

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The Council met &

Adjourned till Monday 10 aclock

Munday

Munday February 19th 1727

Prefent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, Peter Beverley, John Robinfon, Richd Fitzwilliam & John Cuftis* Efqrs

The Council met &

Adjourned till tomorrow 10 aclock

Tuefday February 20th 1727

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council met, and having no bufinefs

Adjourned till tomorrow 10 aclock

Wednefday Febry the 21ft 1727

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

The Order of the day being read, a Bill Entituled *An Act for further continuing the Act Entituled* An Act for fecurity & defence of the Countrey in times of danger was read the fecond time

Refolved

That the faid Bill be committed for amendments

A Bill Entd *An Act for the better fupport of the Clergy of this Dominion* being (according to Order) prepared was received and read the firft time

Ordered

That the faid Bill be read the fecond time

A Petition of *William Parks* Printer with fundry propofals for printing the Laws of this Colony Read and Referred to the confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Henry Willis* & others that the Houfe had paffed a Bill Entituled *An Act for diffolving the prefent Veftry of the parifh* of Accomack *and for appointing a new election of Veftrymen* To which they defire the concurrence of the Council

A Bill Entd *An Act for diffolving the prefent Veftry of the parifh of* Accomack *and for appointing a new election of Veftrymen* Read the firft time &

Ordered to be read a fecond time on *Tuefday* next

Ordered

That the parties be heard thereon before the fecond reading if they think fit.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Braxton* & others that the Houfe had paffed a Bill Entituled *An Act to prevent Swine running at large within the limits of the Town of* Norfolk, To which they defire the concurrence of the Council

A Bill Entd *An Act to prevent Swine running at large within the limits of the Town of* Norfolk read the firft time &

Ordered

That the faid Bill be read a fecond time

And then the Council adjourned till to morrow 10 aclock

Thurfday February 22d 1727

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinfon, Richd Fitzwilliam, John Grymes & John Cuftis Efqrs

A Bill Entd *An Act for further continuing the Act Entd* An Act for fecurity and defence of the Country in times of danger Read the third time with the amendments

Refolved

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to as amended

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Bill and amendments to the Burgesses and desire their concurrence to the said Amendments

A Bill Entituled *An Act to prevent Swine running at large within the limits of the Town of* Norfolk read the second time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third time

John Carter Esqr present

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Harrison* & others that the House had passed a Bill Ent^d *An Act for dividing the County of* Henrico To which they desire the Council's concurrence

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for the better support of the Clergy of this Dominion* read the second time

Resolved

That the said Bill be committed for amendments

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Harrison* & others that the House had passed a Bill Ent^d *An Act for encouraging the adventurers in Iron works* To which they desire the concurrence of the Council

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Willis* and others who brought a Bill Ent^d *An Act for encouraging the killing of Squirrels and Crows in the Counties of* Accomack *and* Northampton To which they desire the Councils concurrence

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for encouraging Adventurers in Iron works* Read the first time and

Ordered to be read a second time

A Bill for dividing *Henrico* County read the first time &

Ordered to be read a second time

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Harrison* & others that the House had passed a Bill Ent^d *An Act for preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming* To which they desire the concurrence of the Council

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for killing Squirrels and Crows in the Counties of* Accomack *and* Northampton, read the first time &

Ordered to read a second time

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for preventing of excessive & deceitful Gaming* Read the first time &

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second time

And then the Council adjourned till tomorrow 10 aclock

Friday February 23^d 1727

Present

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinson, Richard Fitzwilliam, John Grymes & John Custis Esq^rs

A Bill Entituled *An Act to prevent Swine running at large within the limits of the Town of* Norfolk Read the third time

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for encouraging Adventurers in Iron Works* read the second time & committed for amendments

John Carter Esqr present

A Bill Entituled *An Act for preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming* read the second time and

Ordered to be read the third time

A

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for killing of Squirrels & Crows in the Counties of* Accomack & Northampton read the ſecond time and

Ordered to be read a third time

And then the Council adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Saturday Feb^ry 24th 1727

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter, Richd Fitzwilliam & John Grymes Eſq^rs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* & others that the Burgeſſes diſagree to the amendments propoſed by this Houſe to the Bill Entituled *An Act for further continuing the Act Ent^d* An Act for ſecurity and defence of the Country in times of danger and deſire their Hon^rs to paſs the Bill without thoſe amendments

Richard Fitzwilliam Eſq^r abſent

The amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for encouraging Adventurers in Iron works* being reported were agreed to

And then the ſaid Bill with the amendments was read

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be Agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes

Richd Fitzwilliam Eſq^r preſent

The Council took into conſideration the Meſſage from the Burgeſſes this day concerning the amendments to the Bill for further continuing the *Act for ſecurity & defence of the Country in times of danger.*

And the Queſtion being put that the Bill do paſs without the Amendments, *It paſſed in the Negative*

A Motion being made that a Bill be brought in for repealing the Act made laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly for ſecurity & defence of the Countrey in times of danger and for making better proviſion for the defence thereof

Reſolved

That a Bill be brought in accordingly & that *John Robinſon* and *Richd Fitzwilliam* Eſq^rs do prepare & bring in the ſame

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for preventing of exceſſive & deceitful gaming* Read the third time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be agreed to

And then the Council adjourned till *Munday* morning 10 aclock

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Munday February the 26th 1727

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter, Richd Fitzwilliam, John Grymes & William Dandridge Eſq^rs

Reſolved

That a Bill be prepared and brought in for preventing frauds in the importation and ſale of bottled Liquors & for laying further penalties on exacting Ordinary Keepers

The Amendments to the Bill Ent^d *An Act for the better ſupport of the Clergy and directing the manner of collecting & paying of pariſh Levies* were reported

Reſolved

That the Council will conſider further of the ſaid amendments tomorrow morning

An

An Amendment being propoſed & prepared to the Bill Ent^d *An Act for killing Squirrels and Crows in the Counties of* Accomack *and* Northampton the ſame was agreed to

And then the Bill with the amendment was read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill with the amendment do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and deſire their concurrence to the ſaid Amendment

Adjourned till tomorrow 10 aclock

Tueſday February 27th 1727

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter, Richd Fitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge & John Cuſtis* Eſq^rs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Kemp* and others that the Burgeſſes had agreed to the amendments propoſed by their Hon^rs to the Bill Ent^d *An Act for killing Squirrels and Crows in the Counties of* Accomack *and* Northampton

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* & others that the Burgeſſes had agreed to the amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill Ent^d *An Act for encouraging Adventurers in Iron works*

Ordered

That the Amendments be inſerted in the ſaid Bills

The Council proceeded to the conſideration of the amendments to the Bill Ent^d *An Act for the better ſupport of the Clergy of this Dominion and for directing the manner of collecting & paying the pariſh Levies* And the ſame being agreed to

Ordered

That the Bill with the amendments be engroſſed

Ordered

That the Bill for diſſolving the Veſtry of the pariſh of *Accomack* and for appointing a new election of Veſtrymen be read a ſecond time on *Thurſday* next

Adjourned till tomorrow 10 aclock

Wedneſday Feb^ry 28th 1727

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes & John Cuſtis* Eſq^rs

An Engroſſed Bill Ent^d *An Act for the better ſupport of the Clergy of this Dominion, and for the more regular collecting & paying the pariſh Levies* Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes, and deſire their concurrence thereto

Adjourned till tomorrow 10 aclock

Thurſday

Thurſday Febry 29th 1727

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Grymes & John Cuſtis* Eſqrs

The Burgeſſes of *Accomack* County this day attended the Council and were heard for the Bill for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the pariſh of *Accomack* & for appointing a new election of Veſtrymen

And then they withdrew

A Bill Entd *An Act for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the pariſh of* Accomack *and for appointing a new election of Veſtrymen* Read the ſecond time

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be committed for amendments.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* & others who brought a Reſolve of the Houſe for preſenting the Governor with the ſum of £500 out of the publick money in the hands of the Treaſurer of this Colony. To which they deſire the concurrence of the Council

And the ſaid Reſolve was read & unanimouſly agreed to as follows

Reſolved

That the ſum of Five hundred pounds be given to the Lieut Governor, and that he be humbly deſired to accept the ſame as an humble acknowledgment from the people of *Virginia* of the juſt ſenſe they have of his regard for them & this Colony.

Ordered

That the ſaid ſum of five hundred pounds be paid to the Lieut Governor out of the publick money in the hands of *John Holloway* Eſqr Treaſurer of *Virginia*

And then the Council adjourned till tomorrow Ten aclock

Friday March the 1ſt 1727

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes & John Cuſtis* Eſqrs

A Bill being (according to Order) prepared Entd *An Act for making more effectual proviſion againſt Invaſions & Inſurrections* was received and read the firſt time

Ordered to be read a ſecond time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* & others who brought a Bill Entd *An Act to prevent loſſes to Exers and Adminrs by the Sale of Negros Goods and Chattels taken in Execution for amending the law in relation to Exers and Adminrs for maintaining actions of account againſt Exers and Adminrs and by one Jointenant and Tenant in Common againſt another Jointenant & Tenant in Common their Exers & Adminrs For impowering fathers to diſpoſe of the Cuſtody and Tuition of their Children and for the better managing and ſecuring Orphans Eſtates*

And alſo *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of* Eliza City *pariſh*

To which they deſire the concurrence of this Houſe

Adjourned till to morrow 10 aclock

Saturday March 2d 1727

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes & John Cuſtis* Eſqrs

A Bill Entd *An Act to prevent loſſes to Exers & Adminrs by the Sale of Negroes Goods and Chattels taken in Execution for amending the Law in relation to Exers and Adminrs for maintaining actions of Account againſt Exers and Adminrs and by one Jointenant & Tenant in Common ag^t another Jointenant and Tenant in Common their Exers and*

and Admin^rs For impowering Fathers to diſpoſe of the Cuſtody and Tuition of their Children and for the better managing and ſecuring Orphans Eſtates Read the firſt time &

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the pariſh of* Elizabeth City *and for appointing a new election of Veſtrymen for the ſaid pariſh* read the firſt time

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time on *Friday* next

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the pariſh of* Eliz^a City *and for appointing a new election of Veſtrymen for the ſaid pariſh* read the firſt time

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time on *Friday* next

Ordered

That the petitioners for the Bill and the preſent Veſtry be heard before the ſecond reading of the ſaid Bill, and that notice thereof be given to both parties, and that ſuch perſons, papers and records as ether party deſires be produced here.

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for dividing the County of* Henrico read the third time with the amendments

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill as amended be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and deſire their concurrence to the ſaid amendments

Adjourned till *Munday* morning 10 aclock

Munday March 4th 1727

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Grymes & John Cuſtis Eſq^rs

An Engroſſed Bill from the Burgeſſes Ent^d *An Act to prevent loſſes to Exe^rs and Admin^rs by the ſale of Negroes, Goods & Chattels taken in Execution ffor amending the law in relation to Exe^rs and Admin^rs for maintaining actions of Acco^t ag^t Exe^rs and Admin^rs and by one Jointenant and Tenant in Common ag^t another Jointenant and Tenant in Common their Exe^rs & Admin^rs For impowering Fathers to diſpoſe of the Cuſtody and Tuition of their Children, and for the better managing & ſecuring Orphans Eſtates* Read the ſecond time and committed for amendments.

And then the Council adjourned till tomorrow Ten aclock

Tueſday March ye 5th 1727

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Grymes & John Cuſtis Eſq^rs

Ordered

On motion in behalf of the Inhabitants of *Eliz^a City* pariſh That the Clerk of the Veſtry do attend here on *Friday* next and bring with him the Veſtry books and that the Petitioners have leave to examine upon Oath any antient witneſſes they ſhall think fit before a Juſtice of the peace giving notice to one of the Church Wardens or ſome other of the Veſtry to attend the ſaid Examination and that the Veſtry have alſo leave to examine any antient witneſſes on their part giving like notice, And the ſaid Examinations

Examinations to be returned to this Houſe on *Friday* next being the day appointed for hearing the parties on the Bill now before this Houſe for diſſolving the Veſtry of the ſaid pariſh

John Carter Eſq^r^ preſent

A Bill Ent^d^ *An Act for making more effectual proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections* Read the ſecond time & committed for amendments

Adjourned till tomorrow Ten aclock

Wedneſday March ye 6th 1727

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY & *Mann Page* Eſq^r^

The Council met &

Adjourned till tomorrow Ten aclock

Thurſday March ye 7th 1727

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* and others that the Burgeſſes had agreed to the amendment propoſed by the Council to the Bill for dividing the County of *Henrico*, and alſo that they had paſſed a Bill Ent^d^ *An Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco* to which they deſire the Council's concurrence

The Amendments propoſed to the Bill Ent^d^ *An Act for making more effectual proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections* were read and agreed to

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill as amended be Engroſſed

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly endorſe on the Bill for dividing the County of *Henrico* that the ſame is agreed to by the Council as amended

The amendments to the Bill Ent^d^ *An Act for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the pariſh of* Accomack *and for appointing a new Election of Veſtrymen* were reported and agreed to

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read the Third time

An Engroſſed Bill from the Burgeſſes Ent^d^ *An Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of tobacco* read the firſt time and

Ordered

to be read a ſecond time on *Wedneſday* next

Adjourned till tomorrow Ten aclock.

Friday March the 8th 1727

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, Mann Page, Peter Beverley, John Carter, John Grymes & John Cuſtis Eſq^rs^

On the motion of Mr *Robertſon* in behalf of the Inhabit^s^ of *Eliz^a^ City* pariſh leave is given him to appear as Council for the ſaid Inhabitants on the Bill for diſſolving the Veſtry of the ſaid pariſh

Cole Digges and *John Robinſon* Eſq^rs^ preſent

The Inhabitants of *Eliz^a^ City* pariſh and the Veſtry were this day heard by their Council for and againſt the ſaid Bill and then withdrew

And

And then the Bill for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the pariſh of *Eliz^a City* and for appointing a new election of Veſtrymen for the ſaid pariſh was read the ſecond time

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be committed for amendments

Adjourned till tomorrow Ten aclock

Saturday March the 9th 1727

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Mann Page, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Grymes & John Cuſtis* Eſq^rs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the pariſh of* Accomack *& for appointing a new Election of Veſtrymen* Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

An Engroſſed Bill Ent^d *An Act for making more effectual proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections* read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and deſire their concurrence thereto

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* & others that the Houſe has paſſed a Bill Ent^d *An Act for erecting a new County on the heads of* Eſſex King *&* Queen *and* King William *Counties and for calling the ſame* Caroline *County* to which they deſire the concurrence of the Council

An Engroſſed Bill from the Burgeſſes Ent^d *An Act for erecting a new County on the heads of* Eſſex King *and* Queen *and* King William *Counties and for calling the ſame* Caroline *County* Read the firſt time

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time

Adjourned till *munday* Ten aclock

Munday March the 11th 1727

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Mann Page, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Grymes & John Cuſtis* Eſq^rs

Reſolved

That a Bill be prepared for further regulating and ſettling the Current Silver Coins within this Dominion

A Bill Entituled *An Act for erecting a new County on the heads of* Eſſex King *and* Queen *and* King William *Counties and for calling the ſame* Caroline *County* Read the ſecond time &

Ordered to be committed for amendments

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* & others that the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Ent^d *An Act for laying a Duty on Slaves imported and for appointing a Treaſurer* Alſo a Bill Ent^d *An Act for erecting a Town in the County of* Spotſylvania and a Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* William Farrar *and* Thomas Farrar *to ſell and convey certain entailed Lands and for ſettling Lands and Negro's of greater value to the ſame uſes* To which they deſire the concurrence of the Council

An

An Engroſſed Bill from the Burgeſſes Ent^d *An Act for laying a Duty on Slaves imported and for appointing a Treaſurer*, read the firſt time

Ordered to be read a ſecond time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for erecting a Town in the County of* Spotſylvania read the firſt time &

Ordered to be read a ſecond time

An Engroſſed Bill from the Burgeſſes Ent^d *An Act to enable* William Farrar *and* Thomas Farrar *to ſell and convey certain entailed Lands and for ſettling other Lands and Negros of greater value to the ſame uſes* Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time

And then the Council adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

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Tueſday March the 12th 1727

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, Mann Page, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon & John Grymes Eſq^rs

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for erecting a new County on the heads of* Eſſex King *and* Queen *and* King William *Counties and for calling the ſame* Caroline *County* read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill with the amendments be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and deſire their concurrence to the ſaid Amendm^ts

An Engroſſed Bill from the Burgeſſes Ent^d *An Act for laying a Duty on Slaves imported and for appointing a Treaſurer*—Read the ſecond time

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a third time

An Engroſſed Bill from the Burgeſſes Entituled *An Act for erecting a Town in the County of* Spotſylvania read the ſecond time

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be committed for amendments

An Engroſſed Bill from the Burgeſſes Ent^d *An Act to enable* William Farrar *and* Thomas Farrar *to ſell and convey certain entailed lands, and for ſettling other lands and Negroes of greater value to the ſame uſes* read the ſecond time

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a third time

Adjourned till to morrow 10 aclock

Wedneſday March ye 13th 1727

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Grymes & John Cuſtis Eſq^rs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Merriwether* and others who brought a Reſolve for paying the Burgeſſes wages and the charge of this Aſſembly in money to which they deſire the Councils concurrence

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for laying a Duty on Slaves imported and for appointing a Treaſurer* Read the third time and an Amendment being made therein

Reſolved

That the Bill with the amendment do paſs

Ordered

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and deſire their concurrence to the ſaid amendment.

John Carter Eſq[r] preſent

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* William Farrar *and* Thomas Farrar *to ſell and convey certain entailed lands and for ſettling other Lands and Negros of greater value to the ſame uſes* Read the third time

The Order of the day being read

A Bill for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco read the ſecond time

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be committed for amendments to a Com[tee] of the whole Houſe

And then the Council adjourned till tomorrow Ten Aclock.

Thurſday March 14th 1727

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by M[r] *Clayton* & others that the Houſe had agreed to the Bill ſent from this Houſe Ent[d] *An Act for the better ſupport of the Clergy of this Dominion and for the more regular collecting and paying the Pariſh Levies* with ſeveral Amendments to which they deſire their Hon[rs] concurrence

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by M[r] *Robert Bolling* & others that the Houſe had paſſed the Treaſurers Accounts and deſire the Councils concurrence therewith.

The Council in a Com[tee] of the whole Houſe went through the Amendments to the Bill Ent[d] *An Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco*, and Ordered that the ſaid Amendments be engroſſed

A Motion being made that a Bill be brought in for prohibiting the exportation of Grain in times of ſcarcity.

Reſolved

That a Bill be prepared accordingly

Adjourned till tomorrow 10 aclock

Friday March y[e] 15th 1727

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Petition of the *Germans* ſettled in the County of *Spotſylvania* praying to be erected into a pariſh of themſelves and to have the Salary of their Miniſter aſcertained Read and Referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

The Council proceeded to the conſideration of the amendments made by the Burgeſſes to the Bill Ent[d] *An Act for the better ſupport of the Clergy of this Dominion and for the more regular collecting and paying the pariſh Levies* And the ſame were Read and agreed to

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be returned to the Burgeſſes and that the Clerk of the Gen[ll] Aſſembly acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Amendments

Ordered

That the Treſurer's Acco[ts] be referred for examination to *Peter Beverley* and *John Grymes* Eſq[rs] who are to report their opinion therein

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by M[r] *Clayton* and others that they had agreed to the amendments propoſed by their Hon[rs] to the Bill Ent[d] *An Act for laying a Duty on Slaves*

Slaves imported and for appointing a Treafurer and alfo to the Bill for erecting a new County on the heads of *Effex King* and *Queen* and *King William* Counties and for calling the fame *Caroline* County

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen[l] Affembly endorfe on the faid Bills that the fame are agreed to as amended

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by M[r] *Clayton* and others that they had paffed a Bill Entituled *An Act for the better fecuring the paiment of Levies and reftraint of vagrant & idle people and for the more effectual difcovery & profecution of perfons having baftard Children and for preventing unlawful Cohabitation* And alfo a Bill Ent[d] *An Act to eafe the Importers of Rum and other Liquors liable to a Duty in the manner of entering and paying the Duties of fuch Liquors* To which they defire their Hon[rs] concurrence

Adjourned till tomorrow 10 aclock

Saturday March the 16th 1727

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

An Engroffed Bill from the Burgeffes Ent[d] *An Act for the better fecuring the payment of Levies and reftraint of vagrant and idle people and for the more effectual difcovery and profecution of perfons having baftard Children and for preventing unlawful Cohabitation* Read the firft time &

Ordered to be read a fecond time

An Engroffed Bill from the Burgeffes Ent[d] *An Act to eafe the Importers of Rum and other Liquors liable to a Duty in the manner of entering and paying the Duties of fuch Liquors* Read the firft time and

Ordered to be read a fecond time

A Bill (being, according to Order, prepared) Entituled *An Act for the better regulating and facertaining the Current Rates of Silver Coin within this Dominion* Was read the firft time &

Ordered to be read a fecond time

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by M[r] *Robert Bolling* and others that the Burgeffes had paffed the Book of Claims and defire their Hon[rs] concurrence And he delivered the faid Book at the Table

The Council proceeded upon the Amendments to the Bill for erecting a Town in the County of *Spotfylvania* and having gone through the fame

Ordered

That the faid Bill and amendments be read a third time on Tuefday next

Mann Page and *Cole Digges* Efq[rs] abfent

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco* read the third time with the Amendments

Refolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do pafs

Adjourned till *Munday* 10 Aclock

Munday March 18th 1727

Prefent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, Peter Beverley, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes & John Cuftis Efq[rs]

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by M[r] *Clayton* & others that the Houfe had paffed a Bill Ent[d] *An Act to explain and amend the* Act for declaring the Negro Mulatto and Indian Slaves within this Dominion to be real Eftate *and part of one other Act*

Act Entd An Act for the diſtribution of Inteſtates Eſtates declaring Widows Rights to their deceaſed huſbands Eſtates and for better ſecuring Orphans Eſtates To which they deſire the concurrence of this Houſe.

A Bill (being, according to order, prepared) Entd *An Act for prohibiting the exportation of Grain in times of ſcarcity* the ſame was received and read the firſt time

Ordered to be read a ſecond time

An Engroſſed Bill from the Burgeſſes Entd *An Act to explain and amend the* Act for declaring the Negro Mulatto and Indian Slaves within this Dominion to be real Eſtate *and part of one other Act Entd* An Act for the diſtribution of Inteſtates Eſtates declaring Widows Rights to their deceaſed huſbands Eſtates and for ſecuring Orphans Eſtates Read the firſt time and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better regulating & aſcertaining the Current Rates of Silver Coin within this Dominion* read the ſecond time

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed

An Engroſſed Bill Entituled *An Act for the better ſecuring the payment of Levies and reſtraint of vagrant and idle people and for the more effectual diſcovery and proſecution of perſons having baſtard Children and for preventing unlawful Cohabitation* Read the ſecond time &

Ordered to be committed for amendments

An Engroſſed Bill Entd *An Act to eaſe the Importers of Rum and other Liquors liable to a Duty in the manner of entering and paying the Duties of ſuch Liquors,* Read the ſecond time &

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be committed for amendments.

Adjourned till tomorrow 10 aclock

Tueſday March the 19th 1727

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes* & *John Cuſtis* Eſqre

The Council took into conſideration the Book of Claims &

Ordered

That a Meſſage be prepared to be ſent to the Burgeſſes with the ſaid Book propoſing ſeveral additional allowances to be made therein and that the ſaid Meſſage be prepared againſt to morrow morning

A Bill Entd *An Act for prohibiting the exportation of Grain in times of ſcarcity* read the ſecond time and

Ordered to be Engroſſed

Adjourned till to morrow 10 aclock

Wedneſday March the 20th 1727

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

Peter Beverley Eſqr from the Comtee appointed to examine the Treaſurer's accounts reported that they had accordingly examined the ſame and find the Ballance to be £4783: 14: 10 1/2

And then the ſaid Accounts were paſſed by the Council

An

An Engroſſed Bill Ent^d *An Act for the better regulating & aſcertaining the Current Rates of Silver Coin within this Dominion* Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and deſire their concurrence thereto.

An Engroſſed Bill Ent^d *An Act for erecting a Town in the County of* Spotſylvania Read the third time with the amendments.

Reſolved

That the Bill with the amendments be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and deſire their concurrence thereto

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* and others that their Houſe had paſſed A Bill Ent^d *An Act for preventing delays in Courts of Juſtice for expediting and better ſettling the proceedings in the General Court and for the more ſpeedy and eaſie recovery of ſmall Debts and for repealing An Act for obliging Attornies proſecuting Suits in behalf of perſons out of the Country to give ſecurity for paying all Coſts and Damages and declaring in what manner ſuch ſecurity ſhall be hereafter given.*

To which they deſire the Council's concurrence

A Bill Ent^d *An Act to prevent loſſes to Exe^rs and Admin^rs by the Sale of Negroes, Goods and Chattels taken in Execution for amending the Law in relation to Exe^rs &c.*

Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments do paſs.

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for preventing delays in Courts of Juſtice for expediting and better ſettling the proceedings in the General Court and for the more ſpeedy and eaſy recovery of ſmall debts and for repealing An Act for obliging Attornies proſecuting ſuits in behalf of perſons out of the Country to give ſecurity for paying all Coſts and Damages and declaring in what manner ſuch ſecurity ſhall be hereafter given* Read the firſt time &

Ordered to be read a ſecond time

An Engroſſed Bill Ent^d *An Act to explain and amend the* Act for declaring the Negro Mulatto and Indian Slaves within this Dominion to be real Eſtate *and part of one other* Act for the diſtribution of Inteſtates Eſtates declaring widows rights to their deceaſed huſbands Eſtates and for ſecuring Orphans Eſtates Read the ſecond time &

A Debate ariſing thereon

Ordered That the Debate be adjourned

And then the Council adjourned till tomorrow Ten Aclock

Thurſday March 21^ſt 1727

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* & others that their Houſe had agreed to all the amendments propoſed by their Hon^rs to the Bill for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco except two and deſire the Council to paſs the Bill with the amendments to which they have agreed only And alſo that they have agreed to the Bill ſent down from this Houſe Ent^d *An Act for making more effectual proviſion againſt invaſions and Inſurrections* without any amendment.

The

The Council having conſidered the amendments to which the Burgeſſes have diſagreed

Reſolved

That the Council do recede from the ſaid Amendments and that the Bill do paſs without the Amendments to which the Burgeſſes have diſagreed

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be returned to the Burgeſſes

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen[l] Aſſembly carry the following Meſſage to the Houſe of Burgeſſes together with the book of Claims

By the Council

M[r] Speaker *& Gen̄t of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

We have had under our Conſideration the Book of Claims ſent up from your Houſe, and obſerving therein that you have rejected the Claim of the Executrix of *James Shields* late Keeper of the publick Goal, for the Commitment & maintenance of *Griffith Bowen*, we think it neceſſary to acquaint you, that the ſaid *Bowen*, being at that time under great inſanity of mind, was by two of his Majeſty's Council, committed to the publick Goal for preventing the miſchiefs he might otherwiſe have done, and which every body apprehended he would commit under that diſorder. And tho' the Charge that hath accrued on this occaſion is not ſtrictly provided for by law, yet we doubt not, you will be of opinion it is fit to be defrayed at the publick Charge, ſince the publick ſafety required his being thus ſecured until he recovered his ſenſes: And therefore we propoſe the adding that expence to the Book of Claims.

The Claim of *Benjamin Deſborow* for bedding furnished to the priſoners in the publick Goal being alſo rejected by your Houſe, we cannot but be of opinion you will ſtill be induced to make him an allowance for the ſame, when you conſider how neceſſary ſuch bedding and clothing were during the uncommon ſeverity of this winter, and how great an inhumanity it would have been to ſuffer priſoners, who had nothing of their own to preſerve them from the cold, to periſh for want of that ſupply, and as we cannot but recommend this expence to your further Conſideration, ſo we muſt alſo inſiſt upon the ſaid *Deſborow's* being allowed the fees eſtabliſhed by the General Court for the Commitment and Releaſment of priſoners, which is 16[s] for every ſuch Commitment and Releaſment, and which we perceive, by his allowance in the Book of Claims, you have reduced to one half.

Among the money allowances added to the Book of Claims on the 14th inſtant, we observe that the Salaries of your Doorkeepers are advanced in conſideration of the length of the length of this Seſſion, but that no ſuch conſideration has been had to the Keeper of the Council Chamber, whoſe ſervices and attendance deſerve an equal regard. We therefore propoſe that the ſum of five pounds may be added to his allowance in the Book of Claims, agreeable to the diſtinction that has always been made between that officer and your Doorkeepers in paſt Aſſemblies.

We ſend you herewith the petitions of the Clerk and Serjeant of the City of *Williamsburg* praying an allowance for their ſervices in the Commitment, Examination and Conveying to the publick Goal of ſundry Criminals apprehended in Town in order to their tryal; and ſince the ſpeedy proſecution of ſuch notorious offenders is of publick ſervice, and that the Inhabitants of the ſaid City, who pay all publick and County Taxes to the reſpective Counties in which they inhabit, are not chargeable by Law for the expence ariſing on ſuch proſecutions, we hope your Houſe will think it reaſonable to defray the ſame at the publick Charge, until it ſhall be thought fit to exempt the ſaid Inhabitants by law from contributing to the charge of the Counties in which they are ſcituated, and thereby enable them the better to ſupport ſuch incident Charges.

We

We alſo herewith ſend you the petition and acco^t of *Joſeph Sutton* for work done about the Secretary's Office & publick Goal; and ſeeing the like ſervices have hitherto been defrayed at the publick Charge, we recommend to you the examining that account and adding it to the Book of Claims.

Mr *Leheup* Sollicitor of the *Virginia* affairs having tranſmitted hither an account of the ſeveral ffees paid by him for ſolliciting and obtaining his Majeſtys Royal approbation of the Act paſſed laſt ſeſſion of Aſſembly for laying a Duty on Liquors; we ſend you herewith a Copy of his acco^t amounting to ffifty pounds Ten ſhillings and two pence *Sterling*, and doubt not you will cheerfully agree to diſcharge that Debt, either by adding it to the preſent Book of Claims, or in ſuch other manner as you ſhall judge moſt proper, ordering it to be paid into the hands of his Mat^ies Receiver General, who, for the Credit of the Government, hath already advanced the ſame to Mr *Leheup*, that he may not hereafter be diſcouraged from negociating the publick affairs of this Government with equal Zeal and Succeſs.

If theſe allowances be agreed to by your Houſe we are ready to give our aſſent to the Book of Claims

March 21^ſt 1727

The Council reſumed the adjourned debate on the Bill Entituled *An Act to explain and amend the* Act declaring the Negro Mulatto and Indian Slaves within this Dominion to be real Eſtate *and part of one other Act Ent^d* An Act for the diſtribution of Inteſtates Eſtates declaring Widows rights to their deceaſed huſbands Eſtates and for ſecuring Orphans Eſtates and thereupon

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be committed for amendments.

An Engroſſed Bill Ent^d *An Act for prohibiting the exportation of Grain in times of ſcarcity* Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be carryed to the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

Adjourned till tomorrow 10 aclock.

Friday March ye 22^d 1727

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council took into conſideration the Reſolve of the Burgeſſes of the 12th inſtant for paying the Burgeſſes wages out of the publick money

And the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Reſolve be agreed to

It paſſed in the Negative

A Bill Ent^d *An Act to explain and amend the* Act declaring the Negro Mulatto and Indian Slaves within this Dominion to be real Eſtate *and part of one other Act Ent^d* An Act for the diſtribution of Inteſtates Eſtates declaring widows rights to their deceaſed huſbands Eſtates and for ſecuring Orphans Eſtates Read the third time with the amendments.

And a further Amendment being propoſed thereto

It paſſed in the Negative

Reſolved

That the Bill as amended do paſs.

The Council took into conſideration the amendments to which the Burgeſſes have diſagreed in the Bill Ent^d *An Act to prevent loſſes to Exe^rs and Admin^rs by the Sale of Negros Goods and Chattels &c.*

And

And ſome of the ſaid Amendments were agreed to be inſiſted on and others receded from &

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen[l] Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill & amendments to the Burgeſſes and deſire their concurrence to such amendments as the Council now inſiſt on.

A Bill Ent[d] *An Act for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the pariſh of* Eliz[a] City *and for appointing a new election of Veſtrymen for the ſaid pariſh* Read the third time with an Amendment

Reſolved

That the Bill with the amendments do paſs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by M[r] *Harriſon* & others that the Houſe had agreed to all the amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill for erecting a Town in the County of *Spotſylvania* and propoſed ſome amendments to theſe Amendments, and that they have agreed to the Bill for the better regulating and aſcertaining the Current rates of Silver Coin within this Dominion To which they deſire the concurrence of this Houſe.

An Engroſſed Bill from the Burgeſſes Ent[d] *An Act declaring who ſhall be accounted Mulatto's* Read the firſt time and

Ordered a ſecond reading

Adjourned till tomorrow 10 aclock

Saturday Mar 23[d] 1727

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by M[r] *Clayton* & others that the Houſe have had under conſideration the amendm[ts] propoſed by their Hon[rs] to the Bill Ent[d] *An Act to explain and amend the* Act declaring the Negro Mulatto & Indian Slaves to be real Eſtate *and part of one other Act Ent[d]* An Act for the diſtribution of Inteſtates Eſtates declaring Widows Rights to their deceaſed huſbands Eſtates and for ſecuring Orphans Eſtates

To which Amendments they cannot agree and deſire their Hon[rs] to paſs the Bill without thoſe amendments

A Bill Ent[d] *An Act for the better ſecuring the payment of Levies and reſtraint of vagrant & idle people & for the more effectual proſecution of perſons having baſtard children and for preventing unlawful Cohabitation* Read the third time with the amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill with the amendments do paſs.

A Bill Ent[d] *An Act to eaſe the Importers of Rum & other Liquors liable to a Duty in the manner of entering & paying the Duties of ſuch Liquors* Read the third time

And the Queſtion being put that the Bill do paſs

It paſſed in the Negative

The Council took into conſideration the amendments to the Bill Ent[d] *An Act to explain and amend the* Act declaring the Negro Mulatto and Indian Slaves within this Dominion to be real Eſtate, *and part of one other Act Ent[d]* An Act for the diſtribution of Inteſtates Eſtates declaring widows rights to their deceaſed huſbands Eſtates and for ſecuring Orphans Eſtates

Reſolved

That the Council do recede from part of their firſt amendments and inſiſt on the other part thereof and do recede from their laſt Amendment

A Bill Ent[d] *An Act to prevent delays in Courts of Juſtice for expediting and better ſettling the proceedings in the Gen[l] Court and for the more ſpeedy and easy recovery of ſmall Debts*

Debts And for repealing An Act for obliging Attornies prosecuting suits in behalf of persons out of the Country to give security for paying all Costs and Damages and declaring in what manner such security shall be hereafter given.

Read the second time and committed for amendments

Adjourned till *Munday* morning 10 Aclock

Munday March ye 25th 1728

Present

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Peter Beverley, John Carter, John Grymes & John Custis* Esqrs

A Bill Entituled *An Act declaring who shall be accounted Mulatto's* Read the second time &

Ordered

That the said Bill be committed for amendments

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Clayton* & others that they had agreed to the amendment proposed to the Bill Entd *An Act to explain and amend the* Act declaring the Negro Mulatto and Indian Slaves within this Dominion to be real Estate *and part of one other Act Entd* An Act for the distribution of Intestates Estates declaring widows rights to their deceased husbands Estates & for securing Orphans Estates And desire their Honrs to pass the Bill as amended

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Assembly endorse on the said Bill that the same is agreed to as amended

And then the Council adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 Aclock

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Tuesday March 26th 1728

Present

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinson, John Carter, John Grymes & John Custis* Esqrs

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Clayton* & others that they had passed a Bill Entd *An Act for erecting a Lighthouse on Cape Henry* and also a Bill Entd *An Act for the better and more effectual putting the penal Laws in Execution* To which they desire the Councils concurrence

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Robt Bolling* & others who brought the Book of Claims and acquainted the Council that the Burgesses had agreed to all the additions proposed by their Honrs except two, and desire the Book may be passed as they have agreed it

Resolved

That the Book of Claims be agreed to

The Council took into consideration the amendment proposed by the Burgesses to their amendment to the Bill Entd *An Act for the better securing the payment of Levies &c.*

And the same were agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Assembly carry the said Bill together with the Book of Claims to the Burgesses.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Conway* & others that the House had passed a Bill Entd *An Act for lessening the Levy by the Poll by paying the Salary of the Burgesses in money* To which they desire the concurrence of this House

A Bill Entd *An Act for erecting a Lighthouse on Cape* Henry Read the first time and *Ordered* to be read a second time

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A Bill Ent^d *An Act for the better and more effectual putting the penal Laws in Execution* Read the firſt time &

Ordered a ſecond reading

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for leſſening the Levy by the Poll by paying the Salary of the Burgeſſes in money* Read the firſt time and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* & others that they had paſſed a Bill Ent^d *An Act for aſcertaining the Fees of certain Officers therein mentioned* To which they deſire the concurrence of this Houſe Alſo that the Burgeſſes had under conſideration the Councils amendments to the Bill Ent^d *An Act to prevent loſſes to Exe^rs & Admin^rs by the Sale of Negro's Goods & Chattels &c.*

And deſire their Hon^rs to paſs that Bill with the amendments agreed on by both houſes

The Council went upon Debate of the amendments to the Bill for preventing delays in Courts of Juſtice for expediting & better ſettling the proceedings in the Genl Court &c

And having ſpent ſome time therein

Ordered

That the Debate be adjourned

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 aclock

Wedneſday March 27th 1728

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill from the Burgeſſes Ent^d *An Act for aſcertaining the fees of certain Officers therein mentioned* Read the firſt time &

Ordered to be read a ſecond time

A Bill Ent^d *An Act declaring who ſhall be accounted Mulattos* Read the third time with the amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill with the amendments do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill with the amendments to the Burgeſſes and deſire their concurrence to the ſaid amendments

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for erecting a Lighthouſe on Cape* Henry Read the ſecond time &

Ordered to be read a third time

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for the better and more effectual putting the penal Laws in Execution* Read the ſecond time and

Ordered to be read a third time

And then the Council adjourned for an hour

And being again met

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for erecting a Lighthouſe on Cape* Henry Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for the better and more effectual putting the penal Laws in Execution* Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* & others that they had agreed to their Hon^rs amendments to the Bill for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the pariſh of *Eliz^a City* and for appointing a new Election of Veſtrymen for the ſaid pariſh. Alſo that they had

had agreed to the Bill for prohibiting the exportation of Grain in times of ſcarcity with an amendment to which they deſire the concurrence of this Houſe And that they had diſagreed to their Hon^{rs} amendments to the Bill Ent^{d} *An Act for diſſolving the present Veſtry of the pariſh of* Accomack *and for appointing a new election of Veſtrymen* And deſire their Hon^{rs} to paſs the ſaid Bill without thoſe amendments

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly endorſe the Councils agreement to the Bill Ent^{d} *An Act for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the pariſh of* Eliz^{a} City *and for appointing a new election of Veſtrymen*

Reſolved

That the Council do agree to the Amendment propoſed by the Burgeſſes to the Bill Ent^{d} *An Act for prohibiting the exportation of Grain in times of ſcarcity* and that the Clerk acquaint them therewith

Reſolved

That the Council do adhere to their amendments to the Bill Ent^{d} *An Act for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the pariſh of* Accomack *and for appointing a new election of Veſtrymen*

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill & Amendments to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them therewith

Mann Page Eſq^{r} preſent

The Council reſumed the Debate on the Bill Ent^{d} *An Act for preventing delays in Courts of Juſtice for expediting and better ſettling the proceedings in the Genl Court &c.*

And having gone through the ſame

Ordered

That the Bill be committed for amendments

The Council took into conſideration the amendments inſiſted on by their Hon^{rs} to the Bill Ent^{d} *An Act to prevent loſſes to Exe^{rs} and Admin^{rs} by the Sale of Negro's &c*

To which the Burgeſſes diſagreed and have adhered to their diſagreement

Reſolved

That the Council do adhere to their amendments

A Bill Ent^{d} *An Act for leſſening the Levy by the Poll by paying the Salary of the Burgeſſes in money* Read the ſecond time

And the queſtion being put

That the Bill be committed for amendments

It paſſed in the Negative

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be rejected

The Council took into conſideration the Burgeſſes diſagreem^{t} to their Hon^{rs} amendments to the Bill Ent^{d} *An Act declaring who ſhall be accounted Mulatto's* And thereupon

Reſolved

That the Council do inſiſt on their amendments to the ſaid Bill

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and deſire them to paſs the ſame with the amendments inſiſted on

Adjourned till tomorrow 10 aclock

Thurſday March 28th 1728

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, Mann Page, Cole Digges, Peter Beverley, John Robinſon, John Carter & John Cuſtis Eſq^{rs}

A Bill Ent^{d} *An Act for preventing delays in Courts of Juſtice for expediting and better ſettling the proceedings in the Genl Court &c.*

Read

Read the third time with the Amendments

Refolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do pafs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the faid Bill to the Burgeffes and defire their concurrence to the faid Amendments

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for afcertaining the ffees of certain Officers therein mentioned* Read the fecond time

Ordered

That the faid Bill be committed for amendments

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Clayton* & others that they had prepared an Addrefs to his Majefty and alfo a petition to the Houfe of Commons of *Great Britain* praying to be relieved from the prohibition of ftem'd Tobacco and defire their Hon^rs to concur with them therein

And the fame being read were agreed to by the Council & are as follow

Moft Gracious Sovereign

Your Majeftys moft dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council and Burgeffes of your Dominion of *Virginia* having experienced the late Act of Parliament whereby the importation of Tobacco ftript from the ftalk is prohibited, are perfuaded that on the one hand the Induftry of the planters here is greatly difcouraged, and bad and unmerchantable Tobacco fhipt off from hence, is increafed while a greater quantity of a better fort of Tobacco is fuppreffed, and on the other your Majefty's Cuftoms are confiderably diminifhed, and many frauds in the running fuch Tobacco are introduced and encouraged. In confideration whereof we prefume in all humility to apply to your facred Majefty, and at the fame time to petition your Parliament for relief; and cannot doubt but the Wifdom of your Majefty and that great Council will fuggeft fuch reafons as will fufficiently prove the expediency of repealing that part of the faid Act of Parliament, fo detrimental to your Majefty and your people.

To The Honble The Knights, Citizens & Burgeffes of The Houfe of Commons affembled in Parliament.

The humble petition of the Council & Burgeffes of the Colony of Virginia

Sheweth

That the principal fupport of the people of this Dominion doth depend upon the Trade of Tobacco which for many years hath been found very beneficial to the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, altho' under the many heavy Charges to which it is liable it hath fcarce afforded, fome few years excepted a competent maintenance to thofe by whofe Induftry it is carried on here. But among all the difadvantages and hardfhips that attend the Planters of this Colony, the prohibition to import Tobacco ftript from the Stalk by a late Act of Parliament is the moft confiderable, which doth not only hurt them in a great degree, but your Petitioners are perfwaded it is no lefs prejudicial to his Majefty in his Revenue of Cuftoms, and to the Trade of this Kingdom For experience has proved that great quantities of Tobacco, which, before the prohibition was made very fit for the home Confumption by ftripping it from the Stalk, and was ftripp'd off very much to the advantage of the planter, is now, in regard to the badnefs of perhaps one half of the leaf, either thrown away, or fold at a very low price to mariners and others who cannot buy it with any other defign, than by running it to defraud his Majefty of his Cuftoms, and injure fair Traders.

Your petitioners therefore pray that this Honourable Houfe out of their great wifdom and tender care for the common good of all the Britifh Subjects will be pleased to take matter in their Confideration, and give the poor people of this Dominion fuch relief as to them fhall feem expedient.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Affembly carry the faid Addrefs and Petition to the Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council do agree to join with them therein

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* & others that they had agreed to the amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill Entd *An Act for preventing delays in Courts of Juſtice, for expediting and better ſettling the proceedings in the Genl Court and for the more ſpeedy any eaſy recovery of ſmall Debts, and for repealing an Act for obliging Attornies proſecuting ſuits in behalf of perſons out of the Country to give ſecurity for paying all Coſts and Damages and declaring in what manner ſuch ſecurity ſhall be hereafter given.* And deſire the Bill may paſs with theſe Amendments.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly endorſe on the ſaid Bill that the ſame is agreed to as amended.

Adjourned till tomorrow 10 Aclock

Friday March 29th 1728

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entd *An Act for aſcertaining the ffees of certain Officers therein mentioned* Read the third time with the amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill with the amendments do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* & others that the Houſe had agreed to part of the amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill Entd *An Act for aſcertaining the ffees of certain Officers therein mentioned* and to others they had diſagreed, and deſire their Honrs to paſs the Bill according to the Amendments agreed to by both Houſes

Reſolved

That the Council do recede from ſuch of their amendments to the ſaid Bill to which the Burgeſſes have diſagreed

Ordered

That the Bill paſs according to the ſaid amendments agreed on by both Houſes & that the Clerk endorſe the ſame accordingly

James Blair & *John Cuſtis* Eſqrs abſent

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* & others who brought the Book of proportions of the publick Levy together with ſeveral Reſolves for payment of money to ſundry perſons to which they deſire the concurrence of this Houſe

Ordered

That a Meſſage be prepared to be ſent to the Burgeſſes for allowing the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly for four Copies of the Journals ſent to *England* and delivered to the late Governor and that he be paid for the ſame £10

The Book of proportions being inſpected

Reſolved

That the ſaid Book be agreed to

Then the Reſolves ſent from the Burgeſſes being read were agreed to as follows

Reſolved

That the ſum of £20 be paid to *John Clayton* Eſqr Chairman of the Comtee for Courts of Juſtice for his ſervice this ſeſſion

Ordered

That the ſum of ffourty ſhillings be paid to *John Mundell* for providing wood for fires during this ſeſſion

Reſolved

That all the money due to *John Page* Eſqr for the land upon which part of the City of *Williamſburgh* was built purſuant to an Act of Aſſembly made in the 11th year of the late

late King *William* the third be paid to *Mann Page* Eſq^r for the uſe of Mrs *Elizabeth Page* Admin^rix of the Goods and Chattels Rights & Credits of the ſaid *John Page* deceaſed ſo ſoon as the true quantity of the ſaid Land can be aſcertained out of the money in the hands of the Treaſurer of *Virginia*

Reſolved

That the ball^a due to *David Bray* Eſq^r for the conſideration given by the Act of Aſſembly made in the 11th year of the late King *William* the third for the land taken away by that Act from the father of the ſaid *David* for building the City of *Williamsburgh* be paid to him out of the money in the hands of the Treaſurer of *Virginia* ſo ſoon as the true quantity of land can be known

Reſolved

That the ſeveral ſums following be paid to Mr *John Randolph* Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes for the ſeveral Copies of the Laws and Journals of this Seſſion of Aſſembly to be made out by him by the Duty of his Office Viz^t

For Thirty Copies of the Laws of this Seſſion to be ſent to the ſeveral Counties of this Colony. One hundred & ffifty pounds.

For Four Copies of the Laws of this Seſſion to be delivered to the Governor. Twenty pounds.

For one Copy of the Laws of this Seſſion to be delivered to the Clerk of the Secretary's Office. Five pounds.

For Four Copies of the Journals of this Seſſion to be delivered to the Governor. Ten pounds

For one Copy of the Journal of this Seſſion delivered to the Speaker Fifty Shillings

Ordered

That the ſum of One hundred Eighty ſeven pounds Ten ſhillings be paid to Mr *John Randolph* Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes out of the money in the hands of the Treaſurer for the ſaid Services.

Reſolved

That the ſum of Ten pounds be paid to Mr *Blair* a member of the Houſe of Burgeſſes for his expence and trouble in going to *Hampton* to view the Battery at *Point Comfort* purſuant to an Order of that Houſe

And then the Council adjourned till tomorrow Ten aclock.

Saturday March the 30th 1728

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The following Meſſage being (according to Order) prepared was Ordered to be carryed to the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

Mr Speaker *& Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

As our Clerk is obliged by the Duty of his Office as well as yours to deliver to the Governor four Copies of the Journal of this Houſe during this Seſſion of Aſſembly We propoſe that the ſame allowance be made him for that ſervice as your Clerk has for your Journals, and that it be paid him in the ſame manner

A Meſſage by Mr *Kemp* & others who brought a Bill Ent^d *An Act for raiſing a publick Levy*, To which they deſire the concurrence of this Houſe

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for raiſing a publick Levy* read the firſt time

Ordered a ſecond reading

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for raiſing a publick Levy* Read the ſecond time &

Ordered a third reading

Adjourned during pleaſure

A Bill Ent^d *An Act for raiſing a publick Levy* read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Kemp* and others who brought the Inrolled Bills for the Councils peruſal to the end they may ſee they are truly inrolled

And the ſaid Bills being peruſed

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bills to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council are ſatisfied they are truly Inrolled

Preſent The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and command their immediate attendance on the Governor in the Council Chamber & bring with them ſuch Bills as are ready for his aſſent

The Houſe of Burgeſſes accordingly attending the Governor the Speaker preſented the following Addreſs

*May it pleaſe Your Hon^r^*

The Houſe of Burgeſſes of *Virginia* beg leave . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 50-51.]

To which the Governor was pleaſed to anſwer

*M^r^* Speaker *and Gen̄t of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

I ſhall uſe my beſt endeavours . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 52.]

And then the Speaker preſented the ſeveral Bills paſſed this Seſſion, which were ſign'd by the Governor & the Speaker and are as follow . . . . . [For the 22 enumerated Acts, see J. of H. of B., p. 52.]

And then the Governor made the following Speech

Gent^m^ of the Council

*M^r^* Speaker *& Gent^m^ of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

I return you my hearty thanks . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 53.]

Wil Robertſon Cl G^l^ Aſſ^ly^

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Begun at the Capitol the firſt Day of *ffebruary* in the firſt Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second by the Grace of God of *Great Britain ffrance* and *Ireland* King Defender of the ffaith &c and thence Continued by Several prorogations to the 21ſt Day of *May* 1730 in the Third Year of his ſaid Majeſties Reign being the Second Seſſion of this General Aſſembly

[From the Public Record Office, *London*, Colonial Office, Class 5, Vol. 1421.]

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[*Thurſday, May* 21ſt, 1730.]

Preſent

THE Honorable *William Gooch* Eſqr his Majeſties Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, *Mann Page, Cole Digges, John Carter, Richd ffitzwilliam, John Cuſtis* and *William Randolph* Eſqrs

The Governor being informed that the Burgeſſes were met in their Houſe

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them

That the Governor Commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber

The Houſe of Burgeſſes accordingly attending

The Governor was pleaſed to make the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

The Deſign of our Meeting being to promote . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1727-1740, pp. 57-59.]

The Governor abſent

On a Motion made

Reſolved

Nemine Contradicente

That an Humble Addreſs be prepared to return the Governor the Thanks of this Houſe for his Affectionate Speech to this General Aſſembly and for the tender Concern he expreſſes for the retrieving the Trade of this Colony

And that Mr *Secretary* and *William Randolph* Eſqr prepare and bring in the ſame

And then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock.

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ffryday May 22d 1730

Preſent

MANN PAGE, Cole Digges, John Carter, John Cuſtis and *William Randolph* Eſqrs

Mr Secretary *Carter* Reported That the perſons appointed had prepared An Addreſs to the Governor which he read in his place and afterwards delivered at the Table were [which] was again read and agreed to and

Ordered

To be fairly tranſcribed

Ordered

That the perſons who prepared the ſaid Addreſs do wait on the Governor to know his pleaſure when and where he will be attended with the ſaid Addreſs.

Preſent

Prefent *Richard ffitzwilliam* Efq[r]

And being returned M[r] *Secretary* Reported That the Governor had appointed to receive the Addrefs of the Council this Day in the Council Chamber.

Prefent

The Governor

The following Addrefs was prefented to the Governor and read by *Mann Page* Efq[r] the Eldeft Councellor now prefent and is as follows

To the Honorable *William Gooch* Efq[r] his Majefties Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of this Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*

May it pleafe your Honor.

We his Majefties moft Loial and Dutiful Subjects The Council of his Colony of *Virginia* now met in the General Affembly beg leave to return our moft grateful acknowledgments and humble Thanks for your Affectionate Speech at the Opening this Seffion.

It is with the Greateft Satisfaction that we fee your Continued Care for the good of this Colony ftill more eminently difplaied in your tender Concern to retrieve its languifhing Trade and that by propofing fuch prudent Regulations as Unite the Intereftts of the *Brittifh* Merchants with ours; and at the fame Time provide for the Service of the Crown by obviating thofe frauds which have hitherto greatly diminifhed his Majefties Revenue of Cuftomes on our Staple

Your prudent Choice of a proper Seafon for this important Service is no lefs Confpicuous when by the Wifdom and Conduct of our moft Gracious Sovereign and the Vigilance of his Minifters, A peace with *Spain* is happily Concluded

We beg leave to affure you, Sir, of our hearty Concurrence in thefe and the other meafures you have with fo much Zeal and Goodnefs recommended to this Affembly.

And as we have the Jufteft Senfe of the felicity we enjoy under the beft of Monarchs It fhal be our Conftant Care to give his Majefty fincere proofs of our untainted Loyalty and Affection to his moft Sacred perfon and Government which we Cannot better demonftrate than by joining our endeavours with yours to promote the principles of Religion Loyalty and reciprocal Affection the Sureft means to entitle a people to the Care of Providence and the favour of their Prince.

To which the Governor was pleafed to Anfwer

Gentlemen

I am much obliged to you for the Great Satisfaction exprefled for my Adminiftration in your very Affectionate Addrefs, and am no lefs engaged in Juftice to acknowledge that if from any Continued Care for the Good of this Colony any Advantages arife to your Trade, or the Principles of Religion Loyalty and reciprocal Affection are thereby promoted they are in a great meafure owing to your Council and advice on which I fhal always depend being Convinced that you have no other views, than the Glory of God, the Intereft of our Sovereign and the good of his people

And then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock.

Saturday May 23[d] 1730

Prefent

THE Governor, *Mann Page, Cole Digges, John Carter, Rich[d] ffitzwilliam, John Cuftis* and *Will[m] Randolph* Efq[rs]

The Houfe of Burgeffes this Day attended the Governor in the Council Chamber and

M[r] *Speaker* prefented to him the following Addrefs

To the Honorable William Gooch *his Majefties Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of* Virginia

Sir

His Majefties moft dutiful . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 59-60.]

To

To which the Governor returned the following Anſwer

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

I heartily thank you . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 61.]

And then the Council adjourned till *Munday* 11 a Clock in the fforenoon.

Munday May the 25th 1730

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, John Carter, Richd ffitzwilliam, John Cuſtis and *Willm Randolph* Eſqrs

The Council met and having nothing before them

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock.

Tueſday May the 26th 1730

Preſent

THE Governor, *James Blair, John Carter, Richd ffitzwilliam, John Grymes, Willm Dandridge, John Cuſtis* and *William Randolph* Eſqrs

A Propoſition from the County of *Surry* praying a Repeal of an Act paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly for improving the Staple of Tobacco and that ſome better Proviſion may be made by Law for that Purpoſe was read

Ordered

That the ſame be referred to the Conſideration of the houſe of Burgeſſes

A petition of *William Harriſon* of the County of *Prince George* Setting forth That for his putting the Laws in Execution and diſperſing in an Unlawful Aſſembly of the gros [Negroes] he had his Tobacco Houſe wherein was Six Thouſand Weight of Tobacco and divers other Goods ſet on fire and totally Conſumed and praying ſuch relief as this General Aſſembly ſhal think fit And alſo

A petition of the *Germans* Settled at the *German* Town in *Stafford* County praying to be exempted from Contributing to Support the Miniſter of that Pariſh ſo long as they have a Miniſter of their own were ſeverally read and

Referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

And then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

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Wedneſday May the 27th 1730

Preſent

THE Governor, Mr Comiſſary *Blair, John Carter, Richd ffitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis* and *William Randolph* Eſqrs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the following Meſſage from the Governor to the Burgeſſes &c

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

In the Month of *December* 1728 . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 64.]

A petition of *Charles Kimbal* praying his Allowance as Interpreter to the *Saponie* and *Occoneeche* Indians may be levied for him read and

Referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

And then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

Thurſday

Thurſday May 28th 1730

Preſent

MR COMMISSARY *BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Carter, Richd ffitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis* and *Willm Randolph* Eſqrs

A Petition and Grievance of divers Inhabitants and ffreeholders of *Spotſylvania* County patentees of Land in the ffork of *Rappahannock* River was read praying to be relieved againſt Demand of the Leſſee of the proprietor of the *Northern Neck* Claiming the ſaid Land as within the Bounds of the proprietors Grant

Ordered

That the ſaid petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

And then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock.

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ffryday May 29th 1730

Preſent

THE Governor, Mr Commiſſary *Blair, Cole Digges, John Grymes, Wm Dandridge, John Cuſtis* and *Wm Randolph* Eſqrs

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Spotſylvania* County praying that a New County may be erected on the Weſtern Side of the Great Mountains on the South Side of *Potomack* River And alſo

A Petition of the ſaid Inhabitants for dividing *Spotſylvania* County And likewiſe

A petition of the divers Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Saint George* in the ſaid County praying a Diviſion of the ſaid pariſh were ſeverally read and

Referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes to the Council by Mr *Harriſon* and others that the Houſe had paſſed

A Bill for repealing the Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco and for the better Execution of the Laws now in force againſt tending Seconds and for the further prevention thereof and

A Bill for the killing of Squirrels and Crows in the Countys therein mentioned And alſo

A Reſolve for paying a Thouſand Pounds out of the Money in the Treaſurers Hands to *John Randolph* Eſqr

To all which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council

A Bill entituled *an Act for repealing the* Act for the better and more effectuall improving the Staple of Tobacco *and for the better Execution of the Laws now in force againſt tending Seconds and for the further prevention thereof*

Read the firſt Time and

Ordered

To be read a Second Time

A Bill entituled *an Act for the killing of Squirrels and Crows in the Counties therein mentioned*

Read the first Time and

Ordered

To be read a Second Time

Then the Reſolve of the Houſe of Burgeſſes for paying One Thouſand pounds out of the Money in the Treaſurers Hands to *John Randolph* Eſqr for defraying his Expences in *Great Britain* and his late Voyage thither and as a Recompence for his faithful and induſtrious Application in the Service of this Colony was read and

Reſolved

That the Council Concur with the Burgeſſes in the ſaid Reſolve

Richard ffitzwilliam Eſqr Preſent

Sundry

Sundry Propoſitions from the Counties of *Richmond Lancaſter* and *Northumberland* complaining of divers hardſhips they ſuffer under the proprietor of the *Northern Neck* were Severally read and

Referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Preſent *John Carter* Eſq^{r}

And then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock.

Saturday May the 30th 1730

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Carter, Richard ffitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis and *Willm Randolph* Eſq^{rs}

A Bill entituled *an Act for killing Squirrels and Crows within the Countys therein mentioned*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Third Time

A Bill entituled *an Act for repealing the* Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco *and for the better execution of the Laws now in force againſt tending Seconds and for the further prevention thereof*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time

And then the Council adjourned til *Munday* 11 a Clock in the fforenoon

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Munday June 1^{ſt} 1730

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, Rich^{d} ffitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge and *William Randolph* Eſq^{rs}

A Bill entituled *An Act for repealing the* Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco *and for the better execution of the Laws now in force againſt tending Seconds and for the further prevention thereof*

Read the third Time and

Reſolved

That the Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly do Carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment

John Cuſtis Eſq^{r} preſent

And then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock.

Tueſday June the 2^{d} 1730

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, Rich^{d} ffitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis and *William Randolph* Eſq^{rs}

The Council met and

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock.

Wedneſday

Wednesday June 3d 1730

Present

THE Governor, *James Blair, John Robinson, Richd ffitzwilliam, John Carter, John Grymes, John Custis* and *William Randolph* Esqrs

A petition of the Ordinary keepers within the City of *Williamsburgh* praying that no Merchant or other private person be permitted to retail any Strong Liquors withing the said City was read and

Ordered

That the said petition be rejected

And then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

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Thursday June the 4th 1730

Present

JAMES BLAIR, John Robinson, Richd ffitzwilliam, John Grymes, John Custis and *William Randolph* Esqrs

The Council met and

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

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ffryday June the 5th 1730

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The Council met and

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

Saturday June the 6th 1730

Present

AS BEFORE

The Council met and

Adjourned till *Munday* Morning 11 a Clock.

Munday June 8th 1730

Present

COLE DIGGES, John Robinson, John Carter, Richd ffitzwilliam, John Custis and *Willm Randolph* Esqrs

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Harrison* and others that the House had passed

A Bill entituled *An Act for encouraging the making of Linnen Cloath* And also

A Bill Entituled *an Act to prevent Swine running at large withing the Limits of the Town of* Hampton

To which they Desire the Councils Concurrence

A Bill entituled *an Act for encouraging the making of Linnen Cloath*

Read the first time and

Ordered

That the same be read a Second Time

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A Bill entituled *an Act to prevent Swine running at Large within the Limits of the Town of* Hampton

Read the firſt Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Second Time

James Blair William Byrd and *William Dandridge* Eſq^rs preſent

And then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

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Tueſday June the 9th 1730

Preſent

THE Governor, *James Blair, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, Rich^d ffitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge* and *William Randolph* Eſq^rs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them

That the Governor Commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber and that they bring with them ſuch Bill or Bills as are ready for his Aſſent

John Cuſtis Eſq^r preſent

The Houſe of Burgeſſes attending

Mr *Speaker* preſented to the Governor a Bill paſſed both Houſes

Entituled *an Act for repealing the* Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco *and for the better execution of the Laws now in force againſt tending Seconds and for the further prevention thereof*

To which the Governor gave his Aſſent

The Speaker alſo preſented

A Reſolve for paying One Thouſand pounds out of the Money in the Hands of the Treaſurer to *John Randolph* Eſq^r

Agreed to by the Council

And then the Governor was pleaſed to Sign his Aſſent thereto

And then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

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Wedneſday June the 10th 1730

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, Rich^d ffitzwilliam, John Grymes, Wm Dandridge, John Cuſtis and *William Randolph* Eſq^rs

A Bill entituled *an Act for encouraging the making of Linnen Cloath*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Committed for Amendments

A Bill entituled *an Act to prevent Swine running at Large within the Limits of the Town of* Hampton

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

To be read a Third Time

And then the Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

Thurſday

Thurſday June the 11th 1730

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, Richd ffitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge and *John Cuſtis* Eſqrs

a Bill entituled *an Act to prevent Swine running at large within the Limits of the Town of* Hampton

Read the third Time and

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have paſſed the ſame without any Amendment

William Randolph Eſqr preſent

And then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

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ffryday June the 12th 1730

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* and others that the Houſe had paſſed

A Bill entituled *An Act to diſable any Sherrif or other perſon to ſit as a Member of the Houſe of Burgeſſes who ſhal accept any Office of Proffit in this Colony after his Election and exempting the Members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes from being made Sherriff.*

To which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

A Bill entituled *An Act to diſable any Sherrif or other perſon to ſit as a Member of the Houſe of Burgeſſes who ſhal accept any Office of Proffit in this Colony after his Election & exempting the Members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes from being made Sherrifs.*

Read the firſt Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Second Time

A Bill entituled *an Act for encouraging the making of Linnen Cloath*

Read the third Time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the ſaid Bill to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments

And then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

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Saturday June the 13th 1730

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, William Dandridge and *John Cuſtis* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* and others that the Houſe had paſſed

A Reſolve for paying the Burgeſſes Wages and all Charges of this Aſſembly out of the public Money in the Hands of the Treaſurer

To which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Ordered

That the Conſideration of the Reſolve aforeſaid be referred till *Thurſday* next

Richard ffitzwilliam Eſqr preſent

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A Bill entituled *an Act for the killing of Squirrels and Crows in the Countys therein mentioned*

Read the Third time and

The Queſtion being put

That the ſaid Bill be agreed to

It paſſed in the Negative

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* and others that the Houſe had paſſed

A Bill entituled *an Act for enforcing the Act entituled* an Act for the effectuall Suppreſſion of Vice and reſtraint and puniſhment of Blaſphemous wicked and diſſolute perſons and for preventing Inceſtuous Marriages and Copulations And alſo

A Bill Entituled *an Act to prevent the malicious Burning Tobacco Houſes and other Houſes and places for taking away Clergy from Certain Offenders and for puniſhing Acceſſaries to felonies and Receivers of Stolen Goods*

To which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

A Bill entituled *An Act for enforcing the Act entituled* an Act for the effectual Supreſſion of Vice and reſtraint and puniſhment of Blaſphemous wicked and diſſolute perſons and for preventing inceſtuous Marriages and Copulations

Read the firſt time and

Ordered

To be read a Second Time

A Bill Entituled *an Act to prevent the malitious Burning Tobacco Houſes and other Houſes and places for taking away Clergy from Certain Offenders and for puniſhing Acceſſaries to felonies and receivers of Stolen Goods*

Read the firſt Time and

Ordered

To be read a Second Time

And the Council adjourned till *Munday* next 11 a Clock in the forenoon.

Munday June the 15th 1730

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinſon, John Carter, Richard ffitzwilliam, John Grymes and *John Cuſtis* Eſqrs

A Bill entituled *an Act for enforcing the Act entituled* An Act for the Effectual Suppreſſion of Vice and Reſtraint and punſihment of Blaſphemous wicked and diſſolute perſons and for preventing inceſtuous Marriages and Copulations

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

To be Committed for Amendments

A Bill entituled *an Act to prevent the malitious Burning Tobacco Houſes and other Houſes and places for taking away Clergy from Certain Offenders and for puniſhing Acceſſaries to felonies and receivers of Stolen Goods*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Committed for Amendments

Robert Carter Eſqr preſent

And then the Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock.

Tueſday

Tuesday June the 16th 1730

Present

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Willm Byrd, John Robinson, Rich^d ffitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge* and *John Custis* Esq^rs

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Harrison* and others that the House had passed

A Bill entituled *an Act for erecting a new County on the Heads of* Stafford *and* King George *Counties*. And also

A Bill entituled *an Act for making a new parish on the head of* Overwharton *parish in* Stafford *County* and

A Bill entituled *an Act for dividing the parish of* Saint George *in the County of* Spotsylvania And also

A Bill entituled *an Act to enable* Henry Cary *to Sell Certain entailed Lands in the County of* Warwick *and for Settling Three Hundred and Six Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County of* Henrico *and the Moiety of Three Thousand Nine Hundred fforty two Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County of* Goochland *of greater value to the same Uses*

To which they desire the Concurrence of the Council.

A Bill entituled *an Act for erecting a new County on the Heads of* Stafford *and* King George *Counties*

Read the first Time and

Ordered

To be read a Second Time

John Carter Esqr present

A Bill Entituled *an Act for making a new Parish on the Head of* Overwharton *Parish in* Stafford *County*

Read the first time and

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a Second Time

A Bill entituled *An Act for dividing the Parish of* Saint George *in the County of* Spotsylvania

Read the first Time and

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a Second Time

A Bill entituled *an Act to enable* Henry Cary *to Sell Certain entailed Lands in the County of* Warwick *and for Settling Three Hundred and Six Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County of* Henrico *and the Moiety of Three Thousand Nine Hundred forty two Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County of* Goochland *of Greater value to the same Uses*

Read the first Time and

Several Members declaring that to their Knowledge the Allegations of the said Bill are true

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a Second Time

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Robert Bolling* and others that they had passed the Treasurers Account and had Sent the same for their Honors Examination

Ordered

That the said Accounts do lie on the Table.

Then the Council resolved into a Committee of the whole house to Consider of the Amendment to the

Bill entituled *an Act for enforcing the Act entituled* an Act for the effectual Suppression of Vice and Restraint and punishment of Blasphemous wicked and dissolute persons and for preventing Incestuous Marriages & Copulations

And

And having gone through the ſame

Ordered

That the ſaid Amendments be fairly tranſcribed and

Reported To Morrow Morning

The Council alſo took into Conſideration an Amendment to the Bill

Entituled *an Act to prevent the malitious Burning Tobacco Houſes and other houſes and places for taking away Clergy from Certain Offenders and for puniſhing Acceſſarys to felonies and receivers of Stolen Goods*

And the ſaid Amendment was agreed to

John Carter John Grymes and *John Cuſtis* Eſq^{rs} are appointed a Committee to examine the Treaſurers Accounts and Report the ſame

And then the Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock.

Wedneſday June the 17th 1730

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, William Byrd, John Robinſon, John Carter, Rich^{d} ffitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge and *John Cuſtis* Eſq^{rs}

A Petition of *William Colbert* and *Temperance* his Wife late the Widow of *Thom^{s} Robins* of *York* Town who was killed in the Service of the Country praying the Charity of this General Aſſembly read and

referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

A Propoſition of the Miniſters and Veſtrys of the two Pariſhes of *Iſle* of *Wight* County praying a Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſhes read and

referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Kemp* and others that the Houſe had paſſed

A Bill entituled *an Act to exempt Certain* German *Proteſtants in the County of* Stafford *from the Payment of Pariſh Levies*

To which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

A Bill entituled *an Act to prevent the malicious Burning Tobacco Houſes and other Houſes and places for taking away Clergy from Certain Offenders and for puniſhing Acceſſaries to felonies and Receivers of Stolen Goods*

Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments

A Bill entituled *an Act to exempt Certain* German *proteſtants in the County of* Stafford *from the payment of pariſh Levies*

Read the firſt Time and

Ordered

To be read a Second time

A Bill entituled *an Act to diſable any Sherrif or other perſon to ſit as a Member of the Houſe of Burgeſſes who ſhal accept any Office of Proffit in this Colony after his Election and for exempting the Members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes from being made Sherrifs.*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Committed for Amendments

A Bill entituled *an Act for erecting a New County on the Heads of* Stafford *and* King George *Counties*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

To be read a Third Time

A Bill entituled *an Act for making a new Parish on the Head of* Overwharton *parish in* Stafford *County.*

Read the Second Time and an Amendment made thereto

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time with the Amendment

A Bill entituled *an Act for dividing the Parish of* Saint George *in the County of* Spotsylvania

Read the Second Time and an Amendment made thereto

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time with the Amendment

A Bill entituled *an Act to enable* Henry Cary *to sell Certain entailed Lands in the County of* Warwick *and for Settling three Hundred and Six Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County of* Henrico *and the Moiety of Three Thousand Nine Hundred forty two Acres of Land with the Appurtenance in the County of* Goochland *of greater value to the same Uses.*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a Third Time

And then the Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock.

Thursday June the 18th 1730

Present

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinson, John Carter, Richd ffitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Custis And *William Randolph* Esqrs

A Bill entituled *an Act to disable any Sherrif or other person to sit as a Member of the House of Burgesses who shal accept any Office of Proffit in this Colony after his Election and exempting the Members of the House of Burgesses from being made Sherrifs*

Read the third time with the Amendments

Resolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do pass

Mr Secretary *Carter* Reported That the Committee appointed had examined the Treasurers Accounts and found the same truly Stated

Resolved

That the said Accounts be passed

The Council took into Consideration the resolve of the House of Burgesses for paying their Wages and the Charge of this Assembly in Money and the same being read was agreed to. As ffollowes.

Resolved

That the Wages of the Burgesses attending this Session and all the Charges of this Session of Assembly be paid and discharged out of the public Money in the Hands of the Treasurer at the Rate of Ten Shillings for every Hundred pounds weight of Tobacco

To which Resolve *Richard ffitzwilliam* Esqr Surveyor General of the Customs entered his Discent

1st Because it is repugnant to a Law now in force for the payment of the Burgesses.

2d Because ffive Thousand two Hundred pounds of the Money in the Treasurers Hands, is appropriated for the encouragement of those that shal go upon making Naval Stores which appropriation, must be violated by this Resolve there not being Money Sufficient to answer that and other just Demands and to Comply with this Resolve

3d Because the Money they have voted themselves in Lieu of Tobacco is in some Counties twice more than the Quantity they are intitled to, would Sell for if it may be Computed, at the rate other public Tobacco (particularly his Majesties Quit Rents) has

has been Sold; beſides, by this Reſolve, ſome Members are to be paid, who are not by Law entitled to any pay, and others who by ſome private Agreement with their Counties have quitted that Claim

4: Becauſe I apprehend, that ſome of the Members before mentioned, and others of mean Circumſtance and Conſequently very deſirous of being paid at this rate in Money are liable to be biaſed in their voting well knowing, that ſuch pay Cannot be had, without the Conſent of the Governor and this Board.

And *laſtly* becauſe it is moſt unreaſonable that a very few people trading to the *Weſt Indies* ſhould be burthened with ſo heavy a Duty on their Liquors, with a View only, to have the Greateſt Share of it, Diſtributed among the Burgeſſes

A Bill entituled *an Act for erecting a New County on the Heads of* Stafford *and* King George *Counties*

Read the third Time and

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill do paſs

A Bill entituled *an Act for making a new Pariſh on the Head of* Overwharton *Pariſh in* Stafford *County*

Read the third Time with the Amendments and

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments do paſs

A Bill entituled *An Act for dividing the pariſh of* Saint George *in the County of* Spotſylvania

Read the third Time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments do paſs

A Bill Entituled *an Act to enable* Henry Cary *to Sell Certain Entailed Lands in the County of* Warwick *and for Settling Three hundred and Six Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County of* Henrico *and the Moiety of Three Thouſand Nine Hundred and forty two Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County of* Goochland *of Greater value to the ſame Uſes.*

Read the third Time and

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the Several Bills agreed to this Day to the Houſe of Burgeſſes

And then the Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

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ffryday June the 19th 1730

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, Richd ffitzwilliam, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis and *William Randolph* Eſqrs

A Bill entituled *an Act to exempt Certain* German *proteſtants in the County of* Stafford *from the payment of pariſh Levies*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Third Time

And then the Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock.

Saturday

Saturday June the 20th 1730

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, Richard ffitzwilliam, John Cuftis and *William Randolph* Efqrs

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Clayton* and others that they had paffed

A Bill Entituled *an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco*

To which they defire the Concurrence of the Council

And that they had agreed to the Amendments propofed by their Honors

To the Bill Entituled *an Act for encouraging the making of Linnen Cloath.* And alfo

To the Bill Entituled *an Act to difable any Sherrife or other perfon to fit as a Member of the Houfe of Burgeffes who fhall accept any Office of Proffit in this Colony after his Election and for exempting the Members of the Houfe of Burgeffes from being made Sherrifs*

Ordered

That the faid Amendments be inferted in the faid Bills and that the Clerk endorfe thereon that the faid Bills are agreed to as amended.

Prefent *Robert Carter* and *William Byrd* Efqrs

A Bill entituled *an Act to exempt Certain* German *proteftants in the County of* Stafford *from the Payment of Parifh Levies*

Read the third Time and

Refolved

That the faid Bill do pafs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly Carry the faid Bill to the Houfe of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment.

Prefent *William Dandridge* Efqr

A Bill entituled *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco*

Read the firft Time and

Ordered

That the faid Bill be read a Second Time on *Thurfday* next

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Kemp* and others As ffollows

May it pleafe your Honors

The Houfe of Burgeffes being informed that a paper was entered in your Journal on *Thurfday* laft by *Richard ffitzwilliam* Efqr containing Several unjuft and injurious Reflections and Calumnies upon them and their proceedings highly derogatory to the Honour of the Houfe, and in open breach and violation of their undoubted rights and priviledges have ordered us to defire your Honors to fend them a Copy of that paper as it is entered upon your Journal

The Council immediately took the faid Meffage into Confideration and After a Debate thereon

The Queftion was put

That the Copy of the Journal of *Thurfday* laft fo far as relates to *Richd ffitzwilliam* Efqr be fent to the Houfe of Burgeffes

It paffed in the Affirmative

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly prepare a Copy of the faid Journal and Carry the fame to the Houfe of Burgeffes

And then the Council adjourned till *Munday* Morning 11 a Clock.

Munday June the 22d 1730

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter and *William Randolph* Efqrs

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Harrifon* and others that the Houfe had agreed to the Amendments propofed by the Council

To

To the Bill entituled *an Act for enforcing the Act Entituled* an Act for the effectual Suppreſſion of Vice and Reſtraint and puniſhment of Blaſphemous wicked and diſſolute perſons and for preventing inceſtuous Marriages and Copulations And alſo

To the Bill entituled *an Act to prevent the malitious Burning Tobacco houſes and other Houſes and places for taking away Clergy from Certain Offenders and for puniſhing acceſſaries to felonies and receivers of Stolen Goods.*

And likewiſe to the

Bill entituled *an Act for making a new Pariſh on the Head of* Overwharton *Pariſh in* Stafford *County*

And to the

Bill entituled *an Act for dividing the Pariſh of* Saint George *in the County of* Spotſylvania.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly endorſe on the ſaid Several Bills that the ſame are agreed to as amended.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Kemp* and others that they had paſſed

A Bill entituled *an Act for reſtraining the taking of exceſſive Uſury.*

And alſo

A Bill entituled *an Act to Confirm the Sale of Certain entailed Lands in the County of* King William *made by* John Douglas *to* John ffrazer *in ffee Simple and for Settling other Lands in the County of* Brunſwick *and two Negros of greater value to the ſame Uſſes*

To which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

William Dandridge Eſqr preſent

A Bill entituled *An Act for reſtraining the taking of exceſſive Uſury*

Read the firſt Time and

Ordered

To be read a Second Time

A Bill entituled *an Act to Confirm the Sale of Certain entailed Lands in the County of* King William *made by* John Douglas *to* John frazer *in fee Simple and for Settling other Lands in the County of* Brunſwick *and two Negros of Greater value to the ſame Uſes*

Read the ffirſt Time and

Ordered

To be read a Second Time

Preſent *Robert Carter, William Byrd, John Carter* and *Richard ffitzwilliam* Eſqrs

And then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

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Tueſday June the 23d 1730

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis and *William Randolph* Eſqrs

A Bill entituled *An Act for reſtraining the taking of exceſſive Uſury.*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Third Time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* and others that the Houſe had paſſed

A Reſolve for declaring the Burgeſſes who Serve for *Williamſburgh James Town* and the Colledge of *William & Mary* are entitled to the ſame Wages as other Members of the Houſe are.

To which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

A Bill entituled *an Act to Confirm the Sale of Certain entailed Lands in the County of* King William *made by* John Douglaſs *to* John ffrazer *in fee Simple and for Settling other Lands in the County of* Brunſwick *and two Negro Slaves of Greater value to the ſame Uſes.*

Read

Read the Second Time
And the houſe having examined the proofs of the Allegations in the ſaid Bill
Ordered
That the ſaid Bill be read a Third Time
And then the Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

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Wedneſday June the 24th 1730

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, William Byrd, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis* and *William Randolph* Eſqrs

A Bill entituled *An Act for reſtraining the taking of exceſſive Uſury*
Read the third Time and
Reſolved
That the ſaid Bill do paſs

A Bill entituled *an Act to Confirm the Sale of Certain entailed Lands in the County* of King William *made by* John Douglas *to* John ffrazer *in ffee Simple and for Settling other Lands in the County of* Brunſwick *two Negro Slaves of greater value to the ſame Uſes*
Read the third Time and
Reſolved
That the ſaid Bill do paſs
Ordered
That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the ſaid Bills to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the ſame without any Amendment

The Council took into Conſideration the Reſolve of the Houſe of Burgeſſes for paying the Burgeſſes Serving for the City of *Williamſburgh James Town* and the Colledge of *William* and *Mary* and the ſame being read was Agreed to. As ffollows.
Reſolved
That the Members who Serve as Burgeſſes for the City of *Williamſburgh James Town* and the Colledge of *William* and *Mary* are entitled to the ſame Wages that other Members of the Houſe who Serve for Countys are entitled to

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Kemp* and others that the Houſe had paſſed

A Bill entituled *an Act for veſting four Hundred and Twenty acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County of* Weſtmorland *being entailed in* George Turbervile *Gentlemen in ffee Simple and for Confirming a Settlement of One Thouſand Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County of* Stafford *of Greater value to the ſame Uſes.* And alſo

A Bill entituled *an Act for veſting Certain Lands belonging to the Church of* Weſtover *Pariſh in Truſtees to be Sold, and for laying out the purchaſe Money in other Lands for a Glebe for the ſaid Church and for improving the ſame*
To which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

A Bill entituled *an Act for veſting four Hundred and Twenty Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County of* Weſtmorland *being entailed in* George Turbervile *Gentleman in ffee Simple and for Confirming a Settlement of One Thouſand Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County of* Stafford *of Greater Value to the ſame Uſes*
Read the firſt Time and
Ordered
That the ſaid Bill be read a Second Time

A Bill entituled *an Act for veſting Certain Lands belonging to the Church of* Weſtover *Pariſh in Truſtees to be ſold, and for laying out the Purchaſe Money in other Lands for a Glebe for the ſaid Church and for improving the ſame*
Read the firſt Time and
Ordered
That the ſaid Bill be read a Second Time
And then the Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

Thurſday

Thurſday June the 25th 1730

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, Willm Dandridge, John Cuſtis* and *William Randolph* Eſqrs

A Bill entituled *an Act for veſting four Hundred and Twenty Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County of* Weſtmorland *being entailed in* George Turbervile *Gentleman in ffee Simple and for Confirming a Settlement of One Thouſand Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County of* Stafford *of Greater value to the ſame Uſes*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Third Time

A Bill entituled *an Act for veſting Certain Lands belonging to the Church of* Weſtover *Pariſh in Truſtees to be ſold and for laying out the purchaſe Money in other Lands for a Glebe for the ſaid Church and for improving the ſame*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Committed for Amendments

A Bill entituled *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Committed for Amendmts to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* and others that they had Paſſed

A Bill entituled *an Act for the better Government of Convicts imported into this Colony and for bringing them to a Due and Speedy puniſhment for their Crimes* And alſo

A Bill entituled *An Act to Confirm the Title of* Richard Randolph *Gentleman in and to Certain entailed Lands purchaſed by him of* William Ligon *and for Settling other Lands and two Negro Slaves of Greater value in Lieu thereof to the ſame Uſes*

To which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

The Council reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe to Conſider the Amendments

To the Bill entituled *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco*

And having Spent ſome Time therein adjourned a ffurther debate thereof till to Morrow

And then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

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ffryday June the 26th 1730

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council went again into a Committee

On the Bill Entituled *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco*

And having Spent ſome time therein

Ordered

That the further Conſideration be referred till to Morrow

And then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock.

Saturday June the 27th 1730

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis* and *William Randolph* Eſqrs

A Bill entituled *An Act for the better Government of Convicts imported into this Colony And for bringing them to a Due and Speedy puniſhment for their Crimes.*

Read

Read the ffirſt Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Second Time

A Bill entituled *an Act to Confirm the Title of* Richard Randolph *Gentleman in and to Certain entailed Lands purchaſed by him of* William Ligon *and for Settling other Lands and two Negro Slaves of Greater value in Lieu thereof to the ſame Uſes*

Read the firſt time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Second Time

A Bill entituled *an Act for veſting ffour Hundred and Twenty Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County of* Weſtmorland *being entailed in* George Turbervile *Gentleman in ffee Simple and for Confirming a Settlement of One Thouſand Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County of* Stafford *of Greater value to the ſame Uſes*

Read the firſt Time and

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill do paſs

Preſent *John Carter* and *William Dandridge* Eſq^{rs}

A Bill entituled *an Act for veſting Certain Lands belonging to the Church of* Weſtover *Pariſh in Truſtees to be Sold and for laying out the purchaſe Money in other Lands for a Glebe for the ſaid Church and for improving the ſame*

Read the Third Time with the Amendments and

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill as amended be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the ſaid laſt two Bills to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to one without Amendment and deſire the Burgeſſes Concurrence to the Amendment of the other Bill.

The Council reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill Entituled *an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco.*

And having gone through the ſame

Ordered

That the Amendments of the ſaid Bill be fairly tranſcribed and Reported

And then the Council adjourned till *Munday* Morning 11 a Clock

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Munday June the 29th 1730

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, William Byrd, John Carter, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis and *Wm Randolph* Eſq^{rs}

A Bill entituled *an Act for the better Government of Convicts imported into this Colony and for bringing them to a Due and Speedy puniſhment for their Crimes*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Committed for Amendments

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Lawrence Smith* and others that they had paſſed

The Book of Claims

To which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council

A Bill entituled *an Act to Confirm the Title of* Richard Randolph *Gentleman in and to Certain entailed Lands purchaſed by him of* William Ligon *and for Settling other Lands and two Negroe Slaves of Greater Value in Lieu thereof to the ſame Uſes.*

Read

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Third Time

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* and others that they had paſſed

A Bill entituled *an Act to enable the Sale of Goods diſtrained for Rent and to Secure ſuch Goods to the perſons diſtraining the Same for the better Security of Rents and to prevent frauds Committed by Tenants* And

A Bill entituled *an Act for Continuing part of an Act for laying a Duty on Liquors with ſome Alterations and Amendments* And alſo

A Bill Entituled *An Act for re-enacting Certain parts of an Act Entituled* an Act declaring how long Judgments Bonds Obligations and Accounts ſhal be in force for the Aſſignment of Bonds and Obligations directing what proof ſhal be Sufficient in ſuch Caſes and aſcertaining the Damage upon proteſted Bills of Exchange. Together with

A Bill Entituled *an Act to prevent Loſſes to Executors and Adminiſtrators by the Sale of Negros Goods and Chattels taken in Execution for amending the Law in relation to Executors and Adminiſtrators for maintaining Actions of Account againſt Executors and Adminiſtrators and by one joint Tenant and Tenant in Common againſt another Joint Tenant and Tenant in Common their Executors and Adminiſtrators for impowering ffathers to diſpoſe of the Cuſtody and Tuition of their Children and for the better managing and Securing Orphans Eſtates* And likewiſe

A Reſolve from the Houſe of Burgeſſes for altering the Windows in the Chamber of the Houſe of Burgeſſes & the General Court Houſe.

To which they Deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Kemp* and others that they had agreed to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the

Bill Entituled *an Act for veſting Certain Lands belonging to the Church of* Weſtover *Pariſh in Truſtees to be Sold and for Laying out the purchaſe Money in other Lands for a Glebe for the ſaid Church and for improving the ſame*

And have altered the ſame Conformable to the ſaid Amendments

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly endorſe thereon that the ſame is agreed to as amended

The Council proceeded to the Conſideration of the book of Claims and the ſame being read

Ordered

That the further Conſideration thereof be referred till to Morrow.

And then the Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock.

Tueſday June the 30th 1730

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, Willm Byrd, John Carter, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis and *Wm Randolph* Eſqrs

A Bill entituled *an Act for Re-enacting Certain parts of an Act Entituled* An Act declaring how long Judgments Bonds Obligations and Accounts ſhal be in force for the Aſſignment of Bonds and Obligations, directing what proof ſhall be ſufficient in ſuch Caſes and aſcertaining the Damage upon proteſted Bills of Exchange

Read the firſt Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Second Time

A Bill Entituled *an Act to enable the Sale of Goods diſtrained for Rent and to Secure ſuch Goods to the perſons diſtraining the ſame for the better Security of Rents and to prevent ffrauds Committed by Tenants.*

Read

Read the firſt Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Second Time.

A Bill entituled *an Act for Continuing part of an Act for laying a Duty on Liquors with ſome Alterations and Amendments*

Read the firſt Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Second Time

A Bill entituled *an Act to prevent Loſſes to Executors and Adminiſtrators by the Sale of Negros Goods and Chattels taken in Execution for amending the Law in relation to Executors and Adminiſtrators for maintaining Actions of Account againſt Executors and Adminiſtrators and by one Joint Tenant and Tenant in Common againſt another joint Tenant and Tenant in Common their Executors and Adminiſtrators for impowering ffathers to diſpoſe of the Cuſtody and Tuition of their Children and for the better managing and Securing Orphans Eſtates*

Read the firſt Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Second Time

Upon Conſideration of the Book of Claims It is

Ordered

That divers Amendments be made thereto and that the ſame be prepared accordingly

A Bill entituled *an Act to Confirm the Title of* Richard Randolph *Gentleman in and to Certain entailed Lands purchaſed by him of* William Ligon *and for Settling other Lands and two Negro Slaves of Greater Value in Lieu thereof to the ſame Uſes,*

Read the Third Time and

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill do paſs

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Kemp* and others that they had paſſed

A Bill Entituled *an Act to revive the Act for Supply of Certain Defects found in an Act preſcribing the Method for appointing Sherrifs* And alſo

A Bill entituled *an Act to exempt the Inhabitants of any County wherein any Iron works are or ſhal be erected, from Clearing or repairing the Roads leading to and from the ſame for making Satisfaction to the Owners of any Lands lying Contiguous to ſuch Roads for the Timber which ſhal be taken for making and repairing Bridges in ſuch Roads and for giving further Encouragement to Adventurers in Iron Works*

To which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

And then the Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock.

Wedneſday July the 1ſt 1730

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Kemp* and others that the Burgeſſes had paſſed

A Bill entituled *an Act for impowering Juſtices of the peace and Conſtables to weigh Hemp in order to entitle the maker to receive the Bounty and for paying to* William Byrd *Eſqr ffive pounds ffour Shillings due to him for the Bounty upon Hemp.* And alſo

A Bill entituled *an Act to enable the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of* Elizabeth City *and the Miniſter and Churchwardens of the Pariſh of* Elizabeth City *in the ſaid County for the time being to take and hold Certain Lands given by* Thomas Eaton *to Charitable Uſes and to let Leaſes thereof*

To

To which they defire the Concurrence of the Council

The Amendments to the Bill Entituled *an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco* were Reported

Refolved

That the fame be the Amendments to the faid Bill.

Ordered

That a Conference be defired with the Houfe of Burgeffes on the Amendmts to the faid Bill and that *John Carter John Grymes* and *William Randolph* Efqrs manage the fame

And then the Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

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Thurfday July the 2d 1730

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

The Clerk of the General Affembly

Reported

That he had Delivered the Meffage to the Houfe of Burgeffes which was directed yefterday and that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Conferrence defired and that their Managers were ready in the Conferrence Room

Then the Managers went to the Conferrence

And being returned Mr *Secretary*

Reported That they had met the Burgeffes and Communicated the Alterations propofed to the Bill for amending the Staple of Tobacco so far as relates to the Sallaries of the Infpectors and the Charges of the Execution thereof

And that the Managers of the Burgeffes had promifed to meet them again

A Bill entituled *An Act to exempt the Inhabitants of any County wherein any Iron works are or fhal be erected from Clearing or repairing the roads leading to and from the fame for making Satisfaction to the Owner of any Lands lying Contiguous to fuch Roads for the Timber which fhal be taken for making or repairing Bridges in fuch Roads and for giving further Encouragements to adventurers in Iron Works*

Read the firft Time and

Ordered

That the faid Bill be read a Second Time

A Bill entituled *an Act to revive the Act for Supply of Certain Defects found in An Act prefcribing the Method for appointing Sherrifs*

Read the firft Time and

Ordered

That the faid Bill be read a Second Time

A Bill Entituled *an Act for impowering Juftices of the peace and Conftables to weigh Hemp in Order to entitle the Maker to receive the Bounty and for paying to* William Byrd *Efqr five pounds four Shillings due to him for the Bounty upon Hemp*

Read the firft Time and

Ordered

That the faid Bill be read a Second Time

A Bill Entituled *an Act to enable the Juftices of Peace of the County of* Elizabeth City *and the Minifter and Churchwardens of the parifh of* Elizabeth City *in the faid County for the time being to take and hold Certain Lands given by* Thomas Eaton *to Charitable Ufes and to let Leafes thereof.*

Read the ffirft Time and

Ordered

That the faid Bill be read a Second Time

The Order of the Houfe of Burgeffes for altering the Smal Windows in the Chamber of the Houfe of Burgeffes and in the General Court Houfe was read &

Agreed to

The

The Managers of the Conferrence being informed that thoſe of the Burgeſſes appointed by the Houſe attended in the Conferrence Room they went to the ſaid Conferrence and being returned

Reported

That the Managers for the Houſe of Burgeſſes had acquainted them that the Houſe took very kindly the Regard the Council had Shewed to their Priviledges and that the Houſe had agreed to what was propoſed for altering the Bill for amending the Staple of Tobacco

A Bill entituled *an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco*

Read the Third Time with the Amendments and

Reſolved

Nemine Contradicente

That the ſaid Bill do paſs as amended

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the ſaid Bill to the houſe of Burgeſſes and Deſire their Concurrence thereto and

That he deliver the petition of *Thomas Carter* relating to one of the ſaid Amendments.

And then the Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock.

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ffryday July the 3d 1730

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, James Blair, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis and *Willm Randolph* Eſqrs

The Council took into Conſideration the Book of Claims and the ſame was Agreed to with Several Additions and Alterations.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the ſaid Book to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Additions and Alterations

A Bill entituled *an Act to prevent Loſſes to Executors and Adminiſtrators by the Sale of Negros Goods and Chattels taken in Execution for amending the Law in relation to Executors and Adminiſtrators for maintaining Actions of Account againſt Executors and Admtors and by one Joint Tenant and Tenant in Common againſt another Joint Tenant and Tenant in Common their Extors and Adminiſtrators for impowering ffathers to diſpoſe of the Cuſtody and Tuition of their Children and for the better managing and Securing Orphans Eſtates*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

To be Committed for Amendments

A Bill Entituled *an Act for Reenacting Certain parts of an Act entituled* An Act declaring how long Judgments Bonds Obligations and Accounts ſhal be in force for the Aſſignment of Bonds and Obligations directing what proof ſhal be Sufficient in Such Caſes and aſcertaining the Damage upon proteſted Bills of Exchange

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Committed for Amendments

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Bolling* and others that the Houſe had agreed to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Book of Claims and hath inſerted them therein

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly endorſe thereon that the ſame is agreed to as Amended

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Tayloe* and others that the Houſe had paſſed a Reſolve that the Burgeſſes ſhal not receive any Wages for the time they have been or ſhal be abſent from the Service of the Houſe of their own private Occaſions.

To which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

A Bill entituled *an Act to enable the Sale of Goods diſtrained for Rent and to Secure ſuch Goods to the perſons diſtraining the ſame for the better Security of Rents and to prevent ffrauds Committed by Tenants.*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Third Time

A Bill entituled *an Act to enable the Juſtices of Peace of the County of* Elizabeth City *and the Miniſter and Churchwardens of the pariſh of* Elizabeth City *in the said County for the time being to take and hold Certain Lands given by* Thomas Eaton *to Charitable Uſes and to let Leaſes thereof*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Third Time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for impowering Juſtices of the peace and Conſtables to weigh Hemp in order to entitle the maker to receive the Bounty and for paying to* William Byrd *Eſq^r five pounds ffour Shillings due to him for the Bounty upon Hemp*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Third Time

And then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

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Saturday July the 4th 1730

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, *James Blair, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, Wm Dandridge, John Cuſtis* and *Wm Randolph* Eſq^rs

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Robinſon* and others that they had paſſed

A Bill entituled *an Act to oblige the Court of* Caroline *County to levy on the Tithable perſons of the ſaid County a proportion of the Wages of the Burgeſſes of* Eſſex King *and* Queen *and* King William *Counties due for the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly and alſo a proportion of the laſt publick Levy*

To which they Deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for reenacting Certain parts of an Act Entituled* an Act declaring how long Judgments Bonds Obligations and Accounts ſhal be in force for the Aſſignment of Bonds and Obligations directing what proof ſhal be Sufficient in ſuch Caſes and aſcertaining the Damage upon proteſted bills of Exchange

Read the third Time with the Amendments and

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill as amended to [do] paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the ſaid Bill to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments.

A Bill entituled *an Act to prevent Loſſes to Executors and Admtors by the Sale of Negros Goods and Chattels taken in Execution for amending the Law in relation to Extors and Admtors for maintaining Actions of Account againſt Extors and Adminiſtrators and by one Joint Tenant and Tenant in Common againſt another joint Tenant and Tenant in Common their Extors and Admtors for impowering fathers to diſpoſe of the Cuſtody and Tuition of their Children and for the better managing and Securing Orphans Eſtates*

Read the third Time with the Amendments and

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill as amended do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the ſaid Bill to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendm^ts

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A Bill Entituled *an Act to enable the Sale of Goods diſtrained for Rent and to Secure ſuch Goods to the perſons diſtraining the ſame for the better Security of Rents and to prevent frauds Committed by Tenants*

Read the third Time and

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill do paſs

A Bill entituled *an Act to enable the Juſtices of Peace of the County of* Elizabeth City *and the Miniſter and Churchwardens of the pariſh of* Elizabeth City *in the ſaid County for the time being to take and hold Certain Lands given by* Thomas Eaton *to Charitable Uſes and to let Leaſes thereof.*

Read the third Time and

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill do paſs

A Bill Entituled *an Act for impowering Juſtices of the peace and Conſtables to weigh Hemp in order to entitle the maker to receive the Bounty and for paying to* William Byrd *Eſq*r *five pounds four Shillings due to him for the Bounty upon Hemp*

Read the third Time and

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the ſaid Bills to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the ſame without any Amendment

A Bill entituled *an Act to oblige the Court of* Caroline *County to Levy on the Tythable perſons of the ſaid County A proportion of the Wages of the Burgeſſes of* Eſſex King *and* Queen *and* King William *Counties due for the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly and alſo a proportion of the laſt public Levey*

Read the firſt Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Second Time

A Bill entituled *an Act to exempt the Inhabitants of any County wherein any Iron works are or ſhal be erected, from Clearing or repairing the Roads leading to and from the ſame, for making Satisfaction to the Owners of any Lands lying Contiguous to ſuch Roads for the Timber which ſhal be taken for making or repairing Bridges in ſuch Roads and for giving further Encouragements to Adventurers in Iron Works.*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Third Time

An Act Entituled *an Act for Continuing part of an Act for Laying a Duty on Lyquors with ſome Alterations and Amendments*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Third Time

A Bill entituled *an Act to revive the Act for Supply of Certain Defects found in an Act preſcribing the Method for appointing Sherrifs*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Third Time

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* and others that they have had under their Conſideration the Amendments propoſed by the Council

To the Bill Entituled *an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco*

And to ſome of the Amendments they had agreed and to others diſagreed and had alſo made ſome Amendments to the Councils Amendments and deſire the ſaid Bill may paſs according to the Amendments to which their Houſe have agreed

And

And the ſaid Amendments being Conſidered the Council do recede from ſuch as the Houſe diſagree to and agree to their Amendments to the Amendments made by the Council to the ſaid Bill and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be agreed to as amended

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the ſaid Bill to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto as amended

And then the Council adjourned til *Munday* Morning 11 a Clock.

Munday July the 6th 1730

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuſtis and *Willm Randolph* Eſqrs

A Bill entituled *an Act to oblige the Court of* Caroline *County to Levy on the Tithable perſons of the ſaid County a proportion of the Wages of the Burgeſſes of* Eſſex King *and* Queen *and* King William *Counties due for the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly and alſo a proportion of the laſt public Levy*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Third Time

A Bill entituled *An Act for Continuing part of an Act for laying a Duty on Liquors with ſome Alterations and Amendments*

Read the third time and

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill do paſs

A Bill entituled *An Act to exempt the Inhabitants of any County wherein any Iron Works are or ſhal be erected, from Clearing and repairing the Roads leading to and from the ſame, for making Satisfaction to the Owners of any Lands lying Contiguous to ſuch Roads for the Timber which ſhal be taken for making or repairing Bridges in ſuch Roads and for giving further Encouragements to Adventurers in Iron Works*

Read the third Time and

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill do paſs

A Bill Entituled *an Act to revive the Act for Supply of Certain Defects found in an Act preſcribing the Method for appointing Sherrifs*

Read the third Time and

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the ſaid laſt three Bills to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* and others that the Burgeſſes had agreed to ſome and diſagreed to others of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the

Bill Entituled *an Act to prevent Loſſes to Executors and Admtors by the Sale of Negros Goods and Chattels taken in Execution for amending the Law in relation to Executors and Adminiſtrators for maintaining Actions of Account againſt Executors and Admtors and by one Joint Tenant and Tenant in Common againſt another Joint Tenant and Tenant in Common their Executors & Adminiſtrators for impowering ffathers to diſpoſe of the Cuſtody and Tuition of their Children and for the better managing and Securing Orphans Eſtates*

And

And Defire the Council to recede from fuch of their faid Amendments as the Houfe of Burgeffes have difagreed to and pafs the Bill without them

Ordered

That the faid Meffage be taken into Confideration to Morrow Morning

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Clayton* and others that they had prepared an Addrefs to his Majefty and defire the Council will join with them therein And likewife

The faid Mr *Clayton* acquainted the Council that the Houfe of Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill entituled *an Act for reenacting Certain parts of an Act entituled* an Act declaring how long Judgments Bonds Obligations and Accounts fhal be in force for the Affignment of Bonds and Obligations directing what proof fhal be Sufficient in fuch Cafes and afcertaining the Damage upon protefted Bills of Exchange

And then the Houfe of Burgeffes had paffed

A Bill entituled *an Act for the better regulating the payment of the Burgeffes Wages* And alfo

A Bill entituled *an Act for vefting Certain Entailed Lands in* William Randolph *an Infant which were purchafed by his ffather* Thomas Randolph *Gentleman deceafed of* John Sutton ffarrar *and for Settling other Lands and Negros given in Lieu thereof of greater value to the fame Ufes.*

To which they Defire the Concurrence of the Council

And then the Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

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Tuefday July the 7th 1730

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis and *William Randolph* Efqrs

The Council took into Confideration the Addrefs prepared by the Houfe of Burgeffes to his Majefty and Agreed thereto with an Addition

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly return the faid Addrefs and Amendment to the Houfe of Burgeffes And

Defire their Concurrence to the faid Amendmt

A Bill entituled *an Act to oblige the Court of* Caroline *County to Levy on the Tithable perfons of the faid County a proportion of the Wages of the Burgeffes of* Effex King *and* Queen *and* King William *Counties due for the laft Seffion of Affembly and alfo a proportion of the laft public Levey*

Read the third Time and

Refolved

That the faid Bill do pafs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly Carry the faid Bill to the Houfe of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the fame without any Amendment

The Council having Confidered the Houfe of Burgeffes difagreement to their Amendments to the

Bill entituled *an Act to prevent Loffes to Executors and Adminiftrators by the Sale of Negros Goods and Chattels taken in Execution for amending the Law in relation to Executors and Adminiftrators for maintaining Actions of Account againft Executors and Adminiftrators and by one Joint Tenant and Tenant in Common againft another joint Tenant and*

and Tenant in Common their Extors and Admtors for impowering ffathers to diſpoſe of the Cuſtody and Tuition of their Children and for the better managing and Securing Orphans Eſtates

Reſolved

That the ſaid Amendments be inſiſted on and

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the ſaid Bill to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council do inſiſt on their ſaid Amendments

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Regulating the payment of the Burgeſſes Wages*

Read the firſt Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Second Time

A Bill entituled *An Act for veſting Certain entailed Lands in* William Randolph *an Infant which were purchaſed by his ffather* Thomas Randolph *Gentleman deceaſed of* John Sutton ffarrar *and for ſettling other Lands and Negros givien in Lieu thereof of Greater value to the ſame Uſes*

Read the firſt Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Second Time

A Bill Entituled *an Act for the better regulating the Payment of the Burgeſſes Wages*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Committed for Amendments.

A Bill entituled *An Act for veſting Certain entailed Lands in* William Randolph *an Infant which were purchaſed by his ffather* Thomas Randolph *Gentleman deceaſed of* John Sutton ffarrar *and for Settling other Lands and Negros given in Lieu thereof of greater value to the ſame Uſes.*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Third Time

And then the Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock.

Wedneſday July the 8th 1730

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Tayloe* and others that they had paſſed Several Orders for payment of Money for the Copys of Laws and Journals prepared by the Clerks of both Houſes

To which they Deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

And that they had alſo paſſed an Order for paying to *John Grymes* Eſqr one Hundred and ffifty pounds *Sterling* for Solliciting the petition to his Majeſty in behalf of the people of *Northern Neck.*

To which they alſo deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* and others that their Houſe do not inſiſt on their Diſagreement to the Amendments made to the

Bill entituled *an Act to prevent Loſſes to Executors and Adminiſtrators by the Sale of Negros Goods and Chattels taken in Execution for amending the Law in relation to Executors and Adminiſtrators for maintaining Actions of Account againſt Executors and Adminiſtrators and by one Joint Tenant and Tenant in Common againſt another Joint Tenant and Tenant in Common their Executors and Adminiſtrators for impowering ffathers to diſpoſe of the Cuſtody and Tuition of their Children and for the better managing and Securing Orphans Eſtates*

And

And defire the Bill may be paffed according to thofe Amendments

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly endorfe on the faid Bill that the fame is agreed to as amended

Robert Carter Efq^r prefent

A Bill entituled *an Act for the better regulating the Payment of the Burgeffes Wages*

Read the third Time with the Amendments

Refolved

That the faid Bill with the Amendments do pafs

A Bill entituled *An Act for vefting Certain entailed Lands in* William Randolph *an Infant which was purchafed by his ffather* Thomas Randolph *Gentleman deceafed of* John Sutton ffarrar *and for Settling other Lands and Negros given in Lieu thereof of greater value to the fame Ufes*

Read the third Time and

Refolved

That the faid Bill do pafs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly Carry the faid laft two Bills to the Houfe of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to one without any Amendment and defire the Burgeffes Concurrence to the Amendments of the other Bill

The Addrefs of the Council and houfe of Burgeffes to his Majefty being ffairly tranfcribed was Signed by Mr Prefident *Carter* in behalf of the Council and Is as ffollows

To the Kings moft excellent Majefty

The Humble Addrefs of the Council and Burgeffes of Virginia

Moft gracious Sovereign

We you Majefties moft Dutiful . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 106.]

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Eskridge* who brought the Book of proportions of the Public Levey And alfo

A Bill entituled *An Act for raifing a Public Levey*

To which they defire the Concurrence of the Council

The Council took into Confideration the order of the Houfe of Burgeffes for paying to *John Grymes* Efq^r One Hundred and ffifty pounds Sterling towards the Solliciting the Petition in behalf of the Inhabitants of the *Northern Neck* and after a Debate thereon

The Queftion being put

That the faid Order be agreed to

It paffed in the Negative

The Orders of the Houfe of Burgeffes for Sundry Money payments were read and agreed to and are as follow

Ordered

That the Several Sums of Money following be paid to *John Randolph* Efq^r Clerk of the Houfe of Burgeffes out of the public Money in the Hands of the Treafurer for the Several Copies of the Laws and Journals of this Seffion of Affembly to be made out by him by the Duty of his Office vizt

ffor Thirty one Copies of the Laws of this Seffion to be Sent to the Several Countys of this Colony in regard to the Length of the faid Laws One Hundred ffifty ffive pounds

ffor four Copies of the faid Laws to be delivered to the Governor Twenty pounds

ffor One Copy of the faid Laws to be delivered to the Clerk of the Secretarys Office ffive pounds

ffor ffour Copies of the Journal of this Seffion to be delivered to the Governor Ten pounds

ffor one Copy of the Journal delivered to the Speaker ffifty Shillings

Ordered

That the Sum of Ten pounds be paid to Mr *William Robertfon* Clerk of the Council for four Copies of the Councils Journal during this Seffion to be delivered to the Governor

Ordered

Ordered

That the Sum of ffive pounds be paid to *Elizabeth Anderſon alias Heidelberg* for Cleaning the Chamber of this Houſe during this Seſſion

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* and others that the Burgeſſes had agreed to the firſt of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the

Bill entituled *an Act for the better regulating the payment of the Burgeſſes Wages*

And to the other Amendment had diſagreed and deſired the Bill may be paſſed according to the Amendment to which they have agreed and that this Houſe will recede from the ſaid other Amendment

Reſolved

That the Council do inſiſt on their Amendment to the ſaid Bill And

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith

A Bill entituled *an Act for the better Government of Convicts imported into this Colony and for bringing them to a Due and Speedy puniſhment for their Crimes*

Read the third Time with the Amendments

And the Queſtion being put

That the ſaid Bill do paſs It was

Reſolved

In the Negative

The Order and Reſolve

of the Houſe of Burgeſſes on the Twenty Second of laſt Month.

That the Members of that Houſe ought not to be paid any Wages for the time they have been or ſhal be abſent from the Service of the Houſe on their own private Occaſions being taken into Conſideration

And the Queſtion being put

That the ſaid Reſolve and the Order thereunto Subjoined be agreed to *It*

Paſſed in the Negative

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayton* and others who brought

A Reſolve

That the Treaſurer be impowered to lay out a Sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds on Building a Covered Way from the Offices belonging to the Governors Houſe into the ſaid Houſe

To which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

And the ſaid Reſolve was Agreed to

The Book of proportions of the publick Levy being read was agreed to

A Bill entituled *an Act for raiſing a Public Levy*

Read the firſt Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Second Time

A Bill entituled *an Act for raiſing a Public Levy*

Read the Second Time and

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be read a Third Time

A Bill entituled *An Act for raiſing a Publick Levey*

Read the third Time and

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the ſaid Bill together with the Book of Proportions and the Several Orders for Money payments to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the ſame without any Amendment

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A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* and others that the Houſe receded from their Diſagreement to the Councils Amendmt to the Bill entituled *An Act for the better regulating the Payment of the Burgeſſes Wages*

And deſire the Council to paſs the ſame as that is amended

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly endorſe thereon that the ſaid Bill is agreed to as amended

And then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

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Thurſday July the 9th 1730

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis and *William Randolph* Eſqrs

The enrolled Bills being Sent up and the Council being Satisfied they are truly enrolled were returned to the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Preſent The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Governor Comands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber with ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent

The Houſe of Burgeſſes accordingly attending

Mr *Speaker* Addreſſed himſelf in the ffollowing Manner

Sir

The Houſe of Burgeſſes humbly beg leave . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 108.]

To which the Governor gave his Aſſent by Signing the ſame together with the Speaker and are as ffollows . . . . . [For the 28 enumerated Acts, ſee J. of H. of B., pp. 110-111.] And

The Governor alſo aſſigned his Aſſent to the Reſolve for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money. And then

Mr *Speaker* Again addreſſed himſelf to the Governor thus

We have prepared . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 108.]

Upon preſenting this Addreſs

The Governor was pleaſed to Say he would take Care that it ſhould be preſented to his Majeſty according to their Deſire

Then the Speaker proceeded thus

The Burgeſſes have been induced . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 109.]

And then preſenting the ſaid Petition

The Governor Anſwered

You may be aſſured I ſhal tranſmit this petition by the ffirſt Opportunity and give all the Aſſiſtance I Can towards the obtaining the Redreſs of the Grievances Complaind of therein

Then the Speaker proceeded

And now Sir

Give us Leave . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 109.]

Then the Governor made the ffollowing Speech

Gentlemen of the Council Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

The good Diſpoſition you have Shewn during this Seſſion by readily uniting in ſuch Sentiments as would beſt promote the benefit of your Staple, will afford the moſt encouraging hopes to all the people of *Virginia* that their Trade under this Regulation will recompence the Toil of the Honeſt and induſtrious; and if this Excellent Law before the Operation of it ſhould meet with any Enemies; yet when experience ſhal unfold

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our Intentions and eventual Advantages ſhal Convince them that the Commerce of this Country Could not be better provided for, they will with Cheerfulneſs Submit to the Terms preſcribed, and if poſſible, will be as hearty in their Acknowledgments to the Authors of it, as I am, who with great Impatience have waited to Congratulate you on the happy Iſſue of this Conſultation

The prudent diſpatch you have given to the Bills, and above all your great Zeal and Concern in defending the Honour of Almighty God if we are not wanting in the executive part of our Duty, will Secure to Us the favour of Heaven, the Certainty of our Sovereigns Affections, and the Approbation of all good Men

As you have finiſhed the Buſineſs of the publick and your return to your reſpective Countys is become neceſſary I ſhall put an End to this Seſſion with adding to my hearty Thanks my Sincere wiſhes; that you *Gentlemen* may long enjoy the Happineſs of a Conſtitution you have ſo worthily Contributed to advance and Secure, and if it ſhal pleaſe God we meet again, that you may Come to the Service of your Country with the ſame Reſolution and the ſame Unanimity to tranſmit it with the moſt valueable Improvements to Succeeding Generations

It only remains to acquaint you that I have Thought fit to prorogue this Aſſembly to *Thurſday* the Twelfth of *November* next

And this Aſſembly is accordingly prorogued to *Thurſday* the Twelfth of *November* next

Ex^d^

Wil Robertſon Cl Genl Aſſembly

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

begun the firſt day of *February* MDCCXXVII and thence continued by ſundry prorogations and held at the Capitol the Eighteenth day of *May* MDCCXXXII in the Vth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* II; being the Third Seſſion of this General Aſſembly.

[From the Public Record Office, *London*, Colonial Office, Clafs 5, Vol. 1421.]

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[*Thurfday, May* 18th, 1732.]

Prefent

THE Honble *William Gooch* his Maj^ties Lieutenant Governour & Commander in Chief, *James Blair* Com^ry, *Cole Digges, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis* & *Henry Harrifon* Efq^rs

The Governor being informed that the Burgeffes were met in their Houfe,

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly acquaint the Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Houfe attending accordingly

The Governor was pleafed to make the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houfe of Burgeffes,*

The Law for improving . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1727-1740, pp. 115-116.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Refolved

That an Addrefs be prepared to return the Thanks of this Houfe to the Governour for his Speech at the opening this Seffion and

Mr *Secretary* & Col^o *Grymes* are appointed to prepare and bring in the faid Addrefs.

The Propofitions and Grievances of the Principal Inhabitants of *Surry* County, praying that the Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco &c, may be continued and amended. Read and

Referred to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes.

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Friday May the 19th 1732

Prefent

MR COMMISSARY *Blair, Cole Digges, John Carter, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuftis* & *Henry Harrifon* Efq^rs

Mr *Secretary* reported that the perfons appointed had prepared an Addrefs to the Governor which he read in his place and afterwards delivered in at the Board, where the fame was again read and approved and Ordered to be fairly transcribed.

Ordered

That the Gentlemen who prepared the Addrefs wait on the Governour to know when and where he will be pleafed to receive the faid Addrefs.

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 11 aclock

Saturday

Saturday May 20th 1732

Prefent

MR COMRY *Blair, Cole Digges, John Carter, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuftis & Henry Harrifon* Efqrs

Mr *Secretary* reported that the perfons appointed had waited on the Governor, and that he was pleafed to fay he would receive the Addrefs of this Houfe this day in the Council Chamber.

Prefent The Governor

Mr Commiffary *Blair* in the Name of the Council prefented and Read the following Addrefs

To the Honble William Gooch *His Majtys Lieutenant Governour & Commander in Chief of the Colony & Dominion of* Virginia.

Sir

It is with the greateft Pleafure that We His Majefty's moft Dutiful and Loial Subjects, the Council of this his Colony, now met in General Affembly, return you our moft fincere Thanks for your Affectionate Speech at the opening this Seffion.

The Law for amending the Staple of Tobacco was framed on fuch honeft and juft Principles, and is fo well adapted to retrieve our decayed Trade, that the Oppofition it has met with at Home, We are apprehenfive muft have proceeded from a Want of Knowledge of our Unhappy Circumftances, and the inevitable Neceffity of reforming the Abufes in the Management of our Staple.

But if it hath received a more Violent Oppofition here, from Men who have been long accuftomed to the Vile Practice of deceiving their Neighbours, by falfe pack'd and unmerchantable Tobacco, This ought to be no Difcouragement to its future Execution: Nor fhould the Publick Good of the Country be obftructed by the Clamour of a few deluded People whofe late vain and impotent Attempts are detefted by Every One, who hath at Heart the true Intereft of this Country.

As for Us, We are fully perfwaded We cannot better recomend ourfelves to the favour of our moft gracious Sovereign, nor demonftrate our Regard to the mutual Intereftes of our Mother Country, and this Colony, than by purfuing fuch Meafures as tend to the fecuring His Majefty's Intereft in his Cuftoms, affording a valuable Commodity for fupplying the Britifh and forreign Markets (the fureft Means of enlarging the Britifh Trade) and the recovering to the honeft and induftrious Planter a fuitable Return for his Labour.

And as thefe were the Ends propofed, and We hope, will ftill prove the happy Effects of this Law, So We muft declare our Opinion that the pooreft Planter hath his Intereft equally, if not more abundantly advanced by it, than thofe of more plentiful Fortunes, who are far from repining at the facrificing part of their private Profits to the Publick Good.

We beg leave to affure you, Sir, that We fhall readily concur in all Meafures that fhall be found expedient for facilitating the Lading and Difpatch of the Ships, and the rendering the Execution of this Law more Eafy and agreeable. And fince, by your Clemency to Offenders You have already filenced thofe whom Reafon could not perfwade, We doubt not, the Confideration of their own Intereft ftill growing more Vifible under thefe Juft and Prudent Regulations, will foon diffipate all Difcontent and Oppofition.

In thefe and all other Matters for the Publick Service, We fhall contribute our utmoft Endeavours with a Zeal becoming the Duty of good Subjects and faithful Servants to the beft of Sovereigns, and with that Regard which is due to your Honour's Mild and Prudent Adminiftration—

To which the Governour was pleafed to make the following Anfwer.

Gentlemen

I heartily thank you for this kind Addrefs Such a Concurrence of Endeavours to fupport and render the Tobacco Law Eafy and Agreeable to the Trade as well as the People,

People, will, I doubt not, have an happy Influence to remove all Prejudices againſt it and enable Me when thus aſſiſted, more effectually to promote His Maj$^{ty's}$ Service, and the Proſperity of this Colony.

The Houſe of Burgeſſes this day attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, and preſented an Addreſs in Anſwer to his Speech

To Which the Governor returned Anſwer as followeth

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

This Addreſs for which . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 121.]

And then the Council Adjourn'd till *Munday* morning 11 aclock

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Munday May the 22^{d} 1732

Preſent

MR COM^{RY} *Blair, John Carter, John Grymes, Wil^{m} Dandridge & John Cuſtis* Eſq^{rs}

The Council met and

Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

Tueſday May 23^{d} 1732

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Robert Bolling* and others That the Burgeſſes had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act to enable the Maſters of Ships to employ their own Sloops Boats & Sailors in carrying Tobacco from the Publick Warehouſes on board their Ships;*

To which they deſire the Council's concurrence.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable the Maſters of Ships to employ their own Sloops, Boats & Sailors in carrying Tobacco from the Publick Warehouſes on board their Ships* Read the firſt time and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Wedneſday May 24th 1732

Preſent

MR COM^{RY} *Blair, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, Wil^{m} Dandridge & John Cuſtis* Eſq^{rs}

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable the Maſters of Ships to employ their own Sloops, Boats & Sailors in carrying Tobacco from the Publick Warehouſes on board their Ships,*

Read the ſecond time

Reſolved

That the Bill be committed for Amendments

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Thurſday May 25th 1732

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable the Maſters of Ships to employ their own Sloops, Boats and Sailors in carrying Tobacco from the Publick Warehouses on board their Ships*

Read the third time with the Amendment

Reſolved

Refolved

That the Bill with the Amendment do pafs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the faid Bill to the Burgeffes and defire their Concurrence to the faid Amendm^t

Prefent *William Byrd* Efq^r

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Conway* and others That the Burgeffes has agreed to the Councils Amendment to the Bill Entit^d *An Act to enable the Mafters of Ships to employ their own Sloops, Boats and Sailors in carrying Tobacco from the Publick Warehoufes on board their Ships*, with an Amendment, to which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe.

The Council took into confideration the Amendment propofed by the Burgeffes to the aforefaid Bill

And the fame was difagreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the faid Bill to the Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council cannot agree to the Amendment propofed by that Houfe to their Amendment and defire them to agree thereto without any Amendment

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Robert Bolling* and others that their Houfe did recede from the Amendment by them propofed to the Councils Amendment to the Bill Entituled *An Act to enable the Mafters of Ships to employ their own Sloops Boats & Sailors in carrying Tobacco from the Publick Warehoufes on board their Ships* And had agreed to the Councils Amendment to that Bill

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly endorfe on the faid Bill that the fame is agreed to as amended.

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Friday May the 26th 1732

Prefent

THE Governor, Mr Com^ry *Blair, William Byrd, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, William Dandridge & John Cuftis* Efq^rs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go to the Houfe of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, and that they bring with them fuch Bills as are ready for his Affent.

The Houfe of Burgeffes attending

The Governor was pleafed to fign his Affent to

An Act to enable the Mafters of Ships to employ their own Sloops Boats and Sailors in carrying Tobacco from the Publick Warehoufes on board their Ships

Thereupon the Burgeffes withdrew

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning 11 aclock

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Saturday May 27th 1732

Prefent

MR COM^RY *Blair, William Byrd, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis* Efq^rs

The Council met and having no Bufinefs before them

Adjourn'd till *Munday* morning 11 aclock

Monday

Monday May the 29th 1732

Prefent

MR COMRY *Blair, William Byrd, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, Henry Harrifon* Efqrs

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Lee* and others That the Burgeffes had paffed a Bill Entituled *An Act laying a Duty on Liquors* To which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for laying a Duty upon Liquors*

Read the firft time and

Ordered to be read a fecond time

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning 11 aclock

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Tuefday May the 30th 1732

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *An Act for laying a Duty upon Liquors*

Read the fecond time; and

Ordered to be read a third time.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning 11 aclock

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Wednefday May the 31ft 1732

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *An Act for laying a Duty upon Liquors*

Read the third time

Refolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the faid Bill to the Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have paffed the fame without any Amendment.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Thurfday June the 1ft 1732

Prefent

THE Governor, Mr Comry *Blair, William Byrd, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Cuftis, William Randolph & Henry Harrifon* Efqrs

A Propofition from the Inhabitants of *Brunfwick* County praying that part of the Countys of *Surry* and *Ifle* of *Wight* may be added to the faid County. Read and

Referred to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Friday June 2d 1732

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council met and

Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock.

Saturday

Saturday June 3d 1732

Prefent

MR COMRY *Blair, William Byrd, John Robinfon, John Cuftis* and *William Randolph* Efqrs

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Lee* and others That the Houfe had paffed a Bill to continue and make perpetual An Act therein mentioned; and for impowering any Judge of the General Court to take Bail when the faid Court is not fitting; and to oblige Defendants to pay Cofts upon overruling a Plea in Abatement; and for allowing any perfon to plead feveral Matters: To which they defire the Concurrence of the Council.

And the faid Bill was read the firft time, and

Ordered to be read a fecond time.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till *Monday* morning 11 aclock

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Monday June 5th 1732

Prefent

MR COMRY *Blair, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Cuftis, William Randolph* Efqrs

A Bill Entituled *An Act to continue and make perpetual An Act therein mentioned; and for impowering any Judge of the General Court to take Bail when the faid Court is not fitting, and to oblige Defendts to pay Cofts upon overruling a plea in Abatement; and for allowing any perfon to plead feveral Matters* Read the fecond time, and

Ordered to be read a third time

Prefent *William Dandridge* Efqr

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Henry Willis* & others That the Houfe had paff'd a Bill Entituled *An Act for vefting Two hundred Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the Parifh of* Sittenburn *in the County of* Richmond *whereof* William Wilfon Holmes *and* Mary *his Wife in Right of the faid* Mary *are feifed in fee tail in* Richard Barnes *in Fee Simple; and for fettling other Lands and Negros of greater Value to the fame Ufes;* Alfo a Bill Entituled *An Act for vefting three hundred Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the Parifh of* Wafhington *in the County of* Weftmoreland *whereof* George Weedon *is feifed in Fee tail in* John Wafhington *Gent in fee Simple; and for fettling other Lands of greater Value to the fame Ufes.* To which they defire the concurrence of the Council.

And the faid two Bills were feverally Read the firft time, and

Ordered to be read a fecond time.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Tuefday June 6th 1732

Prefent

MR COMRY *Blair, William Byrd, John Robinfon, Cole Digges, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuftis & William Randolph* Efqrs

A Bill Entituled *An Act to continue and make perpetual An Act therein mentioned, and for impowering any Judge of the General Court to take Bail when the Court is not fitting; and to oblige Defendants to pay Cofts upon overruling a Plea in Abatement; and for allowing any perfon to plead feveral Matters*

Read the third time

Refolved

That the Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the faid Bill to the Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment.

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A Bill Entituled *An Act for vesting two hundred Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the Parish of* Sittenburn *in the County of* Richmond *whereof* William Wilson Holmes *and* Mary *his Wife in Right of the said* Mary *are seised in Fee tail, in* Richard Barnes *in Fee Simple, and for settling other Lands and Negros of greater value to the same Uses.*

Read the second time, and

Ordered to be read a third time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for vesting three hundred Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the Parish of* Washington *in the County of* Westmoreland *whereof* George Weedon *is seised in Fee tail in* John Washington *Gent in Fee Simple; and for settling other Lands of greater value to the same Uses*

Read the second time, and

Ordered to be read a third time

Present *John Carter* Esqr

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Wednesday June 7th 1732

Present

THE Governor, Mr Com^ry *Blair, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinson, John Carter, John Grymes, John Custis & William Randolph* Esq^rs

A Memorial of Col^o *Alexander Spotswood* Sole Deputy Post Master General of all the British Dominions in *America* praying that Ferrys may be settled over *Rappahannock* River just above the Mouth of *Massaponax* Creek in *Spotsylvania* to the Land of Mr *James Ball* in *King George* County; and over *Potomack* River from just below the Mouth of *Quantico* Creek to Col^o *Mason*'s Landing in *Maryland;*

Read and Referr'd to the Consideration of the House of Burgesses

A Bill Entituled *An Act for vesting two hundred acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the parish of* Sittenburn *in the County of* Richmond *whereof* William Wilson Holmes *and* Mary *his Wife in Right of the said* Mary *are seised in Fee tail, in* Richard Barnes *in Fee Simple; and for settling other Lands and Negros of greater value to the same Uses:*

Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for vesting Three hundred Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the Parish of* Washington *in the County of* Westmoreland *whereof* George Weedon *is seised in Fee tail in* John Washington *Gent in Fee Simple, and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same Uses*

Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Bills to the Burgesses and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the same without Amendment

Present *William Dandridge* Esqr

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Thursday June the 8th 1732

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Lee* and others That the House had passed a Bill Entituled *An Act to prevent frivolous and Vexatious Suits and to regulate Attorneys practising at County Courts*; Also a Bill Entituled *An Act for laying a Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers.* To which they desire the concurrence of this House.

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A Bill Entituled *An Act to prevent frivolous and vexatious Suits and to regulate Attorneys practifing at the County Courts.*

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for laying a Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers*

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time.

A Motion being made that an humble Addreſs be prepared to His Majeſty ſetting forth the miſerable State of the Tobacco Trade, and praying that the Dutys on Tobacco may be by an Exciſe to be paid by the Retailer

Reſolved

That the ſaid Motion be referr'd for further Conſideration

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning 11 aclock

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Friday June the 9th 1732

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *An Act for laying a Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers*

Read the ſecond time, and

Committed for Amendments

A Bill Entituled *An Act to prevent frivolous and vexatious Suits and to regulate Attorneys practifing at the County Courts*

Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered to be read a third time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Lee* and others That the Burgeſſes had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act to confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement therein mentioned, made between* Thomas Bray *Gent and* John Randolph *Eſqr; for the Settlement of their reſpective Rights to certain Lands whereof* David Bray *the elder Gent deceaſed died ſeiſed; and for other purpoſes therein alſo mentioned.* To which they deſire the concurrence of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Saturday June 10th 1732

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the following Meſſage from the Council to the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

The Council having had . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 143.]

A Bill Entituled *An Act to prevent frivolous and vexatious Suits and to regulate Attorneys practifing at the County Courts.*

Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly do carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without Amendment.

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A Bill Entituled *An Act to confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement therein mentioned, made between* Thomas Bray *Gent and* John Randolph *Eſq^r for the Settlement of their reſpective Rights to certain Lands whereof* David Bray *the elder Gent decēd died ſeiſed; and for other Purpoſes therein alſo mentioned.*

Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered to be read a third time.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till *Monday* morning 11 aclock

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Monday June 12th 1732

Preſent

MR COM^RY *Blair, William Byrd, John Robinſon, John Grymes, William Dandridge John Cuſtis, William Randolph & Henry Harriſon* Eſq^rs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Lee* and others That the Houſe had Reſolved not to agree to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to be made in the Bill Entituled *An Act for laying a Duty on Slaves to be paid by the Buyers.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Lee* and others that they had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act preſcribing the Method of proving Book Debts;* A Bill Entituled *An Act for altering the place for holding Courts in the County of* Spotſylvania; And a Bill Entituled *An Act to enable and oblige the Pariſh of* St George *in* Spotſylvania *County to refund and pay back to the Pariſh of* St Mark *in the County aforeſaid the Tobacco therein mentioned.* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement therein mentioned, made between* Thomas Bray *Gent and* John Randolph *Eſq^r for the Settlement of their reſpective Rights to certain Lands whereof* David Bray *the elder, Gent, deceaſed, died ſeiſed; and for other purpoſes therein alſo mentioned.*

Read the third time,

Reſolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

Then the Council took into conſideration the Meſſage from the Burgeſſes on the Subject Matter of the Bill Entituled *An Act for laying a Duty on Slaves to be paid by the Buyers*

And after a Debate thereon,

Reſolved

That the Council do not inſiſt on their Amendment thereto.

And the ſaid Bill was read the third time,

Reſolved

That the Bill be agreed to without Amendment.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid two Bills to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bills without Amendment.

A Bill Entituled *An Act preſcribing the Method for proving Book Debts*

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable and oblige the Pariſh of* St George *in* Spotſylvania *County, to refund and pay back to the Pariſh of* St Mark *in the County aforeſaid the Tobacco therein mentioned.*

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for altering the Place for holding Courts in the County of* Spotſylvania.

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time.

Preſent *Robert Carter & John Carter* Eſq^rs

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock.

Tueſday

Tuesday June 13th 1732

Present

ROBERT CARTER Esqr, Mr Com^ry *Blair, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinson, John Carter, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Custis, William Randolph & Henry Harrison* Esq^rs

The Council met, and

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock.

Wednesday June 14th 1732

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Lee* and others That the House had passed the following Bills viz

An Act to enable Charles Barham *to sell certain Entailed Lands therein mentioned; and to purchase other Lands therein also mentioned in Lieu thereof to the same Uses; An Act for confirming certain entailed Lands therein mentioned, to* William Merriweather *in fee Simple; and for settling other Lands and Negros in Lieu thereof, to the same Uses: An Act to settle certain entailed Lands with the Appurtenances in the County of* Essex, *whereof* William Lowry *and* Mary *his Wife, in Right of the said* Mary *are seised, upon the Issue of the said* Mary *by her last Marriage; and for settling other Lands in Lieu thereof to the same Uses: An Act for pulling down Wooden Chimneys in the Towns of* Southampton *and* Norfolk, *and to prevent the Building of others for the future:* and *An Act for altering the Days for holding the Courts of* Richmond *and* Westmoreland *Countys.* To which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

A Message to the Council by Mr *Tayloe* that the Burgesses had passed a Bill Entituled *An Act for vesting certain entailed Lands in* John Allen *Gent in Fee Simple; and for settling other Lands and a Mill of greater Value to the same Uses*: and a Bill Entituled *An Act for killing Squirrels & Crows.* To which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

A Bill Entituled *An Act prescribing the Method for proving Book Debts*

Read the second time, and

Committed for Amendments.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable and oblige the Parish of* St George *in the County of* Spotsylvania *to refund and pay back to the Parish of* St Mark *in the County aforesaid the tobacco therein mentioned,*

Read the second time, and

Ordered to be read a third time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for altering the place for holding Courts in the County of* Spotsylvania,

Read the second time, and

Ordered to be read a third time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Charles Barham *to sell certain Entailed Lands therein mentioned, and to purchase other Lands therein also mentioned in lieu thereof, to the same Uses*

Read the first time, and

Ordered to be read a second time.

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A Bill Entituled *An Act for confirming certain Entailed Lands therein mentioned to* William Merriwether *in fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands and Negros in lieu thereof to the ſame Uſes.*

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to ſettle certain Entailed Lands with the Appurtenances in the County of* Eſſex *whereof* William Lowry *and* Mary *his Wife in Right of the ſaid* Mary, *are ſeiſed, upon the Iſſue of the ſaid* Mary, *by her laſt Marriage; and for ſettling other Lands in lieu thereof, to the ſame Uſes,*

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for pulling down Wooden Chimneys in the Towns of* South-ampton *and* Norfolk, *and to prevent the building of others for the future*

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for altering the days for holding the Courts of* Richmond *and* Weſtmoreland *Countys*

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for killing of Squirrels and Crows,*

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for veſting certain Entailed Lands in* John Allen *Gent in Fee Simple; and for ſettling other Lands and a Mill of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes,*

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered a ſecond Reading.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Thurſday June 15th 1732

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council being this day engaged in determining Diſputes at the Council Board

Ordered That the Houſe be

Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 11 aclock

Friday June 16th 1732

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, Eſqr, Mr Comry *Blair, William Byrd, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis, William Randolph & Henry Harriſon* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* and others That the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act to confirm certain Entailed Lands therein mentioned with the Appurtenances to* John Tayloe *Eſqr in fee Simple and for ſettling other Lands and Negros therein alſo mentioned of greater value in lieu thereof to the ſame Uſes:* and alſo A Bill Entitd *An Act to oblige the County of* Caroline *to reimburſe to* William Woodford *the Damages he ſuſtained by means of the Eſcape of* Benjamin Fletcher To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable and oblige the Pariſh of* St George *in* Spotſylvania *County, to refund and pay back to the Pariſh of* St Mark *in the County aforeſaid the Tobacco therein mentioned.*

Read

Read the third time,

Refolved

That the Bill do pafs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for altering the place for holding Courts in the County of* Spotfylvania

Read the third time

Refolved that the Bill do pafs.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the faid Bills to the Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have paffed the fame without Amendment.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for killing Squirrels & Crows*

Read the fecond time, and

The Queftion being put that the Bill be read a third time

It paffed in the Negative.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to confirm certain Entailed Lands therein mentioned with the Appurtenances to* John Tayloe *Efq^r in fee Simple, and for fettling other Lands and Negros therein alfo mentioned of greater value in lieu thereof to the fame Ufes.*

Read the firft time, and

Ordered to be read a fecond time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to oblige the County of* Caroline *to reimburfe* William Woodford *the Damages he fuftained by means of the Efcape of* Benjamin Fletcher

Read the firft time, and

Ordered a fecond Reading on *Thurfday* next.

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Saturday June the 17th 1732

Prefent

ROBERT CARTER Efq^r, Mr Com^ry *Blair, John Grymes, John Cuftis & William Randolph* Efq^rs

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Charles Barham *to fell certain entailed Lands therein mentioned; and to purchafe other Lands therein alfo mentioned in lieu thereof to the fame Ufes.* alfo

A Bill Entituled *An Act for confirming certain entailed Lands therein mentioned to* William Merriwether *in fee Simple; and for fettling other Lands & Negros in lieu thereof to the fame Ufes.* alfo

A Bill Entituled *An Act to fettle certain entailed Lands with the Appurtenances in the County of* Effex *whereof* William Lowry *and* Mary *his Wife in Right of the faid* Mary [*are feifed, upon the Iffue of the faid* Mary] *by her laft Marriage, and for fettling other Lands in lieu thereof to the fame Ufes.* alfo

A Bill Entituled *An Act for vefting certain entailed Lands in* John Allen *Gent in fee Simple, and for vefting other Lands and a Mill of the fame value to the fame Ufes.* alfo

A Bill Entituled *An Act for pulling down Wooden Chimneys in the Towns of* Southampton *and* Norfolk; *and to prevent the building of others for the future.* alfo

A Bill Entituled *An Act to confirm certain entailed Lands therein mentioned to* John Tayloe *Efq^r in fee Simple, and for fettling other Lands and Negros therein alfo mentioned, of greater value in lieu thereof to the fame Ufes.* alfo

Prefent *William Dandridge* Efq^r

A Bill Entituled *An Act for altering the Days for holding ye Courts of* Richmond *and* Weftmorland *Countys*

Were feverally read the fecond time, and

Ordered to be read a third time.

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A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Lee* and others That they had paſſed a Reſolve for ſettling a Salary on *William Parks* the Printer To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney General* & others That the Houſe had paſſed a Reſolve for paying to Mr *George Webb* the Sum of Two hundred pounds out of the Money in the hands of the Treaſurer, for his Trouble and pains in preparing a Copy of the Laws of this Colony for the Preſs and compoſing a Table thereto: To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Reſolve being read was agreed to.

And then the Council Adjourned till *Monday* Morning 11 aclock.

Monday June the 19th 1732

Preſent

MR COMRY *Blair, Cole Digges, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis & William Randolph* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Lee* and others That the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act for ſettling ſome Doubts and differences of opinion in relation to the Benefit of Clergy, for allowing the ſame to Women, and taking away of Reading; and to diſable certain perſons therein mentioned to be Witneſſes.* Alſo a Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Thomas Bray *Gent to ſell certain entailed Lands therein mention'd; and to lay out the Purchaſe Money in Slaves, to be annex'd to other Entailed Lands therein alſo mentioned.* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney General* That the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act for ſettling new Ferrys over* James Appomattox, Nottoway, Rappahannock & Potomack *Rivers:* Alſo a Bill Entituled *An Act for veſting certain Entailed Lands with the Appurtenances in the County of* Northampton, *in* Gertrude Harmanſon *in Fee Simple and for ſettling other Lands and Negros of greater Value in lieu thereof, to the ſame Uſes,* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for confirming certain Entailed Lands therein mentioned, to* William Merriwether *in Fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands and Negros in Lieu thereof to the ſame Uſes.* Alſo

A Bill Entituled *An Act to ſettle certain Entailed Lands with the Appurtenances in the County of* Eſſex, *whereof* William Lowry *and* Mary *his Wife in Right of the ſaid* Mary *are ſeiſed, upon the Iſſue of the ſaid* Mary *by her laſt Marriage; and for ſettling other Lands in Lieu thereof to the ſame Uſes.* Alſo

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Charles Barham *to ſell certain Entailed Lands therein mentioned; and to purchaſe other Lands therein alſo mentioned, in Lieu thereof to the ſame Uſes.* alſo

A Bill Entituled *An Act for veſting certain Entailed Lands in* John Allen *Gent in fee Simple; and for ſettling other Lands and a Mill of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.* alſo

A Bill Entituled *An Act to confirm certain Entailed Lands therein mentioned, with the Appurtenances to* John Tayloe *Eſqr in Fee Simple; and for ſettling other Lands and Negros therein alſo mentioned of greater Value, in lieu thereof to the ſame Uſes.* Alſo

A Bill Entituled *An Act for pulling down Wooden Chimneys in the Towns of* Southampton *and* Norfolk, *and to prevent the building of others for the future.* Alſo

A Bill Entituled *An Act for altering the Days for holding the Courts of* Richmond *and* Weſtmorland *Countys.*

Were ſeverally Read the third time,

Reſolved

That the Bills be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bills to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without Amendment.

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A Bill Entituled *An Act for ſettling ſome Doubts and Differences of opinion in relation to the benefit of Clergy; for allowing the ſame to Women, and taking away of Reading; and to diſable certain Perſons therein mentioned to be Witneſſes.* Alſo

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Thomas Bray *Gent to ſell certain Entailed Lands therein mentioned; and to lay out the purchaſe Money in Slaves to be annexed to other Entailed Lands therein alſo mentioned.* alſo

A Bill Entituled *An Act for ſettling new Ferrys over* James Appomattox, Nottoway, Rappahannock *and* Potomack *Rivers.* Alſo

A Bill Entituled *An Act for veſting certain Entailed Lands with the Appurtenances in the County of* Northampton, *in* Gertrude Harmanſon, *in Fee Simple; and for ſettling other Lands and Negros of greater Value in lieu thereof to the ſame Uſes.*

Were ſeverally Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time.

Preſent *Robert Carter* Eſq^r

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Tueſday June 20th 1732

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER, Eſq^r, Mr Com^ry *Blair, Cole Digges, John Grymes, William Dandridge, William Randolph* Eſq^rs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for ſettling ſome Doubts and Differences of Opinion in relation to the Benefite of Clergy; for allowing the ſame to Women, and taking away of Reading; and to diſable certain Perſons therein mentioned to be Witneſſes.*

Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered to be read a third time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Thomas Bray *Gent to ſell certain Entailed Lands therein mentioned; and to lay out the Purchaſe Money in Slaves, to be annexed to other Entailed Lands therein alſo mentioned.*

Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered to be read a third time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for ſettling new Ferrys over* James Appomattox, Nottoway, Rappahannock *&* Potomack *Rivers*

Read the ſecond time, and

Committed for Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney General* & others That the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act to amend and explain the* Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco; and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms. Alſo a Bill Entituled *An Act to reſtrain the keeping too great a Number of Horſes and Mares; and for amending the Breed thereof; and to prevent unbroke Horſes and Mares and breeding Mares from going at large in uninclofed Grounds.* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Lee* and others That they had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act for veſting certain Entailed Lands with the Appurtenances therein mentioned in* Thomas Turner *in fee Simple; and for ſettling other Lands and Negros of greater value to the ſame Uſes.* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Preſent *John Carter* Eſq^r

A Bill Entituled *An Act for veſting certain Entailed Lands with the Appurtenances in the County of* Northampton *in* Gertrude Harmanſon *in Fee Simple; and for ſettling other Lands and Negros of greater Value in Lieu thereof to the ſame Uſes.*

Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered to be read a third time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Francis Willis* and others That the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act to confirm & Eſtabliſh an Agreement between* Richard Coleman

Coleman, William Thornton *and* Francis Thornton *for the Exchange of certain Entailed Lands therein mentioned; and for ſettling the ſame with certain Negro Slaves, according to the Will of the Donors.* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to amend and explain An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time.

A Meſſage to the Council by Mr *Bolling* and others who brought the Treaſurers Accompts paſs'd their Houſe: To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to reſtrain the keeping too great a Number of Horſes and Mares, and for amending the Breed of Horſes; and to prevent unbroke Horſes and Mares and breeding Mares from going at large in uninclofed Grounds.*

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for veſting certain Entailed Lands with the Appurtenances, therein mentioned in* Thomas Turner *in Fee Simple; and for ſettling other Lands and Negros of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement between* Richard Coleman, William Thornton, *and* Francis Thornton *for the Exchange of certain Entailed Lands therein mentioned; and for ſettling the ſame with certain Negro Slaves according to the Will of the Donors.*

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time.

Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

Wedneſday June the 21ſt 1732

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER Eſqr, Mr Comry *Blair, Cole Digges, John Carter, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis & William Randolph* Eſqrs

Reſolved

That the Fee be paid the Clerk of the General Aſſembly for every private Bill paſſed this Houſe be thirty ſhillings current Money; And that he be impowered to Demand the ſame for all ſuch Bills paſſed this Seſſion.

A Bill Entituled *An Act preſcribing the Method for proving Book Debts*

Read the third time with the Amendments.

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for ſettling new Ferrys over* James, Appomattox, Nottoway, Rappahannock *and* Potomack *Rivers.*

Read the third time with the Amendments.

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bills to the Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to the Amendments made thereto

A Bill Entituled *An Act for ſettling ſome Doubts and Differences of Opinion, in relation to the benefit of Clergy; for allowing the ſame to Women, and taking away of Reading; and to diſable certain Perſons therein mentioned to be Witneſſes*

Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Thomas Bray *Gent to ſell certain entailed Lands therein mention'd; and to lay out the Purchaſe Money in Slaves to be annex'd to other Entailed Lands therein alſo mentioned*

Read the third time.

Reſolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for veſting certain Entailed Lands with the Appurtenances in the County of* Northampton *in* Gertrude Harmanſon, *in Fee Simple; and for ſettling other Lands and Negros of greater Value in Lieu thereof to the ſame Uſes.*

Read the third time.

Reſolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bills to the Burgeſſes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Tayloe* and others That the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act to revive and continue certain parts of An Act for aſcertaining the Fees of certain Officers; and for better ſettling the Fees of County Court Clerks and Sherifs and of Attorneys in Cauſes depending in the County Courts to be allowed in the Bill of Coſts; and for ſettling the Fee for ſummoning Witneſſes in Controverſies depending before the Governor and Council; and aſcertaining the Allowances to ſuch Witneſſes.*

And the ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond time.

The Reſolve of the Burgeſſes of the 10th inſtant being read, was agreed to, as follows

Reſolved

That a Salary of One hundred and twenty Pounds *per annum* be paid to *William Parks* Printer, in conſideration of printing the Laws of each Seſſion and other Papers mentioned in his Propoſals; and that his Salary commence at the End of this Seſſion. To be paid half yearly.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney General* and others That the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing every of the Countys of* Richmond, King George *and* Prince William *into two diſtinct Pariſhes.* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Bill was read the firſt time, and

Ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to reſtrain the keeping too great a number of Horſes and Mares; and for amending the Breed thereof; and to prevent unbroke Horſes and Mares and breeding Mares from going at large in uninclofed Grounds.*

Read the ſecond time, and

Committed for Amendments.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement therein mentioned, made between* Thomas Bray *Gent and* John Randolph *Eſqr for the Settlement of their reſpective Rights to certain Lands whereof* David Bray *the elder Gent deceaſed, died ſeiſed and for other purpoſed therein alſo mentioned*

Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered a third Reading.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for veſting certain Entailed Lands with the Appurtenances therein mentioned, in* Thomas Turner *in fee ſimple; and for ſettling other Lands and Negros of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*

Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered a third Reading.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Eskridge* That the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Robert Carter *Eſqr one of the Executors of the laſt Will & Teſtament*

Teſtament of Mann Page *Eſq^r deceaſ'd, to pay the Debts of the ſaid* Mann Page; *and to entitle him to receive the Money he hath advanced or ſhall advance for that purpoſe; and to charge the Eſtate of the ſaid* Mann Page *with the Repayment of the Prinipal and Interest.* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Bill was read the firſt time, and

Ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fox* That the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act to reſtrain the Inhabitants of the Town of* Delaware *from keeping too great a Number of Cattle and Horſes; and from keeping any Sheep or Hogs runing at large.* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Bill was read the firſt time, and

Ordered a ſecond Reading.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Thurſday June 22^d 1732.

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *An Act to confirm and Eſtabliſh an Agreement between* Richard Coleman, William Thornton *and* Francis Thornton *for the Exchange of certain entailed Lands therein mentioned, and for ſettling the ſame with certain Negro Slaves according to the Will of the Donors.*

Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for veſting certain Entailed Lands with the Appurtenances therein mentioned in* Thomas Turner *in fee Simple; and for ſettling other Lands and Negros of greater value to the ſame Uſes.*

Read the third time.

Reſolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney General* and others That the Houſe had agreed to their Hon^rs Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for ſettling new Ferrys over* James Appomattox, Nottoway, Rappahannock *and* Potomack *Rivers.* And alſo to their Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act preſcribing the Method for proving Book Debts.*

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly endorſe on the ſaid Bills that the ſame are agreed to as amended.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to explain and amend* An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco; and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms

Read the ſecond time, and

Committed for Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fox* and others That the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act for adding part of the Countys of* Surry & Iſle of Wight *unto the County of* Brunſwick, *and part of the Pariſhes of* Lawnes *Creek,* Southwark & Warricks-queak; *in the Countys of* Surry & Iſle *of* Wight *unto the Pariſh of* St Andrew *in the ſaid County of* Brunſwick; and alſo a Bill Entituled *An Act for killing Squirrels & Crows in the Countys of* Accomack & Northampton. To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe,

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A Bill Entituled *An Act to revive and continue certain parts of an Act Entituled* An Act for ascertaining the Fees of certain Officers; and for better settling the ffees of County Court Clerks and Sherifs and of Attorneys in Causes depending in the County Courts to be allowed in the Bill of Costs.

Read the second time, and

Committed for Amendments.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Attorney* That the House had passed a Bill Entituled *An Act to make the stealing of Slaves Felony without Benefit of Clergy.* To which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Absent *Robert Carter* Esqr

A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Robert Carter *Esqr one of the Execrs of the last Will & Testament of* Mann Page *Esqr decd, to pay the Debts of the sd* Mann Page*; and to entitle him to receive Intereft for the Money he hath advanced or shall advance for that purpose; and to charge the Estate of the said* Mann Page *with the Repayment of the Principal and Intereft.*

Read the second time, and

Ordered a third Reading

A Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing each of the Countys of* Richmond King George *and* Prince William *into two distinct Parishes.*

Read the second time, and

Ordered a third Reading.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to restrain the Inhabitants of the Town of* Delaware *from keeping too great a number of Cattle & Horses; and from keeping any Sheep or hoggs runing at large*

Read the second time, and

Ordered a third Reading.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to make the stealing of Slaves Felony without Benefit of Clergy*

Read the first time, and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for killing Squirrels & Crows in the Countys of* Accomack & Northampton,

Read the first time, and

The Question being put That the Bill be read a second time,

It passed in the Negative.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Friday June 23d 1732

Present

ROBERT CARTER, Esqr, Mr Comry *Blair, Cole Digges, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Custis & William Randolph* Esqrs

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Lee* That the House desire the Council's concurrence to a Resolve of their House for giving a Reward of One hundred Pounds to any Person who shall discover and convict the Person or Persons who burnt the Parish Church of *St Mark* in the County of *Spotsylvania.*

And the said Resolve being read, was agreed to

The Council took into consideration the Bill Entituled *An Act to amend and explain the Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs* with the Amendments proposed thereto

Ordered

That the Amendments be fairly transcribed.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to oblige the County of* Caroline *to reimburse* William Woodford *the Damage he sustained by means of the Escape of* Benjamin Fletcher.

Read the second time and

Ordered a Third Reading.

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A Bill Entituled *An Act to enable* Robert Carter *Esqr one of the Exec^rs of* Mann Page *Esqr deceas'd to pay the Debts of the said* Mann Page *and to entitle him to receive Interest for the Money he hath advanced or shall advance for that Purpose; and to charge the Estate of the said* Mann Page *with the Repayment of the Principal and Interest.* Also

A Bill Entituled *An Act to restrain the Inhabitants of the Town of* Delaware *from keeping too great a number of Cattle and Horses; and from keeping any Sheep or Hogs runing at large.*

Read the third time

Resolved

That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Bills to the Burgesses and acquaint them that the Council have passed the same without Amendment.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to make the stealing of Slaves Felony without Benefit of Clergy*

Read the second time, and

Ordered a third Reading

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Saturday June 24th 1732

Present

ROBERT CARTER, Esqr, Mr Com^ry *Blair, John Carter, John Grymes, William Dandridge & John Custis* Esq^rs

A Bill Entituled *An Act to amend and explain the* Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco; and for preventing Frauds in his Maj^tys Customs

Read the third time with the Amendments,

Resolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do pass.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Bill to the Burgesses and desire their Concurrence to the Amendments made thereto.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Lee* and others, who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act to explain the Duty of Surveyors; to prevent their taking unlawful Fees, and for better securing the payment of Surveyor's ffees.* To which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Lee* and others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act to continue the* Act for making more effectual provision against Invasions and Insurrections. To which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to oblige the County of* Caroline *to reimburse to* William Woodford *the Damage he sustained by means of the Escape of* Benjamin Fletcher,

Read the third time,

Resolved

That the Bill do pass.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to make the stealing of Slaves Felony without Benefit of Clergy*

Read the third time,

Resolved

That the Bill do pass,

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Bills to the Burgesses and acquaint them that the Council have passed the same without any Amendment.

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A Bill Entituled *An Act to explain the Duty of Surveyors, to prevent their taking unlawful fees; and for better ſecuring the payment of Surveyors ffees*

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to continue the* Act for making more effectual proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections.

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered a ſecond Reading.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning 11 aclock

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Monday June 26th 1732

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Carter, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis & Henry Harriſon* Eſqrs

A Bill Entituled *An Act to revive and continue certain parts of an Act for aſcertaining the Fees of certain Officers; and for better ſettling the Fees of County Court Clerks and Sherifs and of Attorneys in Cauſes depending in the County Courts to be allowed in a Bill of Coſts.*

Read the third time with the Amendments,

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs.

Preſent *Robert Carter* Eſqr

A Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing each of the Countys of* Richmond King George *and* Prince William *into two diſtinct Pariſhes.*

Read the third time with the Amendments,

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to continue the* Act for making more effectual proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections,

Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered a third Reading.

And the ſaid Bill was accordingly Read the third time.

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bills to the Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to the reſpective Amendments.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to explain the Duty of Surveyors, and to prevent their taking unlawful Fees; and for better ſecuring the payment of Surveyor's Fees*

Read the ſecond time, and

Committed for Amendments

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Tueſday June 27th 1732

Preſent

ROBERT CARTER Eſqr, Mr Comry *Blair, Cole Digges, John Carter, Wilm Byrd, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis* and *Henry Harriſon* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Robert Bolling* & others who brought the Book of publick Claims paſſ'd their Houſe; To which they deſire the Council's Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Lee* and others That the Burgeſſes have Reſolved to petition the Parliament of *Great Britain* Repreſenting the Hardſhips which the

the Tobacco Trade for ſome time paſt and now Labours under; and have accordingly drawn up a Petition for that Purpoſe; And being deſirous that the Council will joine with their Houſe therein, They deſire an immediate Conference upon the Subject matter of the ſaid Petition.

Reſolved

That the Houſe doth agree to the ſaid Conference, and that *William Byrd* Eſq^{r}, Mr Secretary *Carter* and *John Grymes* Eſq^{r} do manage the ſaid Conference.

Then the Managers went to the Conference

And being returned, *William Byrd* Eſq^{r} Reported that they had attended the Managers for the Burgeſſes, and had received from them a Draught of a Petition to the Parliament of *Great Britain*, which they left for the peruſal of the Council

And the ſaid Petition was delivered in at the Table, and read,

And after a Debate thereon

Reſolved

That it be an Inſtruction to the Managers for the Council to propoſe to thoſe of the Burgeſſes That the petition may be amended agreeable to the Sentiments of both Houſes.

That the ſaid Managers do acquaint the Managers for the Burgeſſes That it is the opinion of this Houſe, that His Majeſty ought to be Addreſſed on the Subject Matter of the ſaid Petition; and that it will be fit, Application be made to the Right Honble the Lords Comm^{rs} of the Treaſury for their Favour and Aſſiſtance.

And Laſtly, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Managers to deſire the Burgeſſes will inform this Houſe, in what manner they propoſe to have the ſaid Petition preſented, and the Matter therein contained negotiated.

Ordered

That *John Cuſtis* and *Henry Harriſon* Eſq^{rs} do examine the Treaſurers Accompts and that they

Report the ſame Tomorrow

Then the Book of Publick Claims was read and

Some Amendments made thereto at the Table.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Book to the Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments.

And then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Wedneſday June 28th 1732

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

John Cuſtis Eſq^{r} from the Committee appointed to examine the Treaſurers Accompts, Reported That they had examined the ſaid Acco^{ts}, and find them truly ſtated.

Reſolved

That the Treaſurers Accompts do paſs.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney General* and others That the Houſe had agreed to all the Amendments propoſed by their Hon^{rs}, to the Bill Entituled *An Act to amend & explain the* Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſtys Cuſtoms, Except thoſe mark'd in the Margin of the Amendments to be diſagreed to; and deſire the Bill may paſs according to the Amendments to which they have agreed.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Robert Bolling* and others That the Houſe could not agree to their Hon^{rs} Amendments to the Book of Claims; but deſire the Book may paſs without thoſe Amendments.

Then

Then the Council proceeded to the Conſideration of the Petition to the Parliament of *Great Britain*

And ſundry Amendments being agreed upon to be made therein

Reſolved

That a Conference be deſired with the Burgeſſes on the Subject Matter of the Conference Yeſterday.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* and others That the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act for leſſning the Reward for killing Young Wolves, and for preventing Frauds in obtaining Certificates for Wolves Heads.* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Then the Council reſumed the Conſideration of their Amendments to the Book of Claims; And thereupon

Reſolved

That the Council do not inſiſt on their Amendments to the ſaid Book.

Reſolved

That the Book be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Book to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council do not inſiſt on their Amendments thereto.

Then the Managers went to the Conference;

And being returned. *William Byrd* Eſqr Reported That they had met the Managers for the Burgeſſes. and had left with them the Petition to the Parliament and the Amendments thereto; and had acqu[ted] them with the other Matters wherein they were inſtructed.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Blair* and others That the Houſe had agreed to the Amendments propoſed by this Houſe to the Bill Entituled *An Act to revive and continue certain Parts of an Act for aſcertaining the Fees of certain Officers; and for better ſettling the ffees of County Court Clerks and Sherifs; and of Attorneys in Cauſes depending in the County Courts to be allowed in the Bill of Coſts;* and alſo to the Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing every of the Countys of* Richmond, King George *and* Prince William *into two diſtinct Pariſhes*

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly endorſe on the ſaid Bills that the ſame are agreed to as amended.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for leſſning the Reward for killing of young Wolves; and for preventing frauds in obtaining Certificates for Wolve's Heads*

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for adding part of the Countys of* Iſle *of* Wight *&* Surry *to the County of* Brunſwick, was offered to be read,

And Mr *Fox* for the Bill, and Mr *Allen* againſt the Bill, being ſeverally heard, withdrew

And then the Bill was read a ſecond time, and

The queſtion being put, that the Bill be read a third time,

It paſſed in the Affirmative,

Ordered

That the Bill be read a third time.

The Council being informed that the Managers for the Burgeſſes attended in the Conference Room, The Managers for this Houſe went to the Conference.

And being returned. *William Byrd* Eſqr reported That the Burgeſſes had agreed to all the Amendments propoſed by this Houſe to be made to the Petition to the Parliament of *Great Britain*, except three; and that they had alſo communicated to them a

Reſolve

Reſolve of their Houſe, for appointing *John Randolph* Eſq^r Agent to negotiate the Affairs of this Colony in *Great Britain*, with an Allowance for his Trouble & Expence therein.

Ordered

That the ſaid Report be conſidered Tomorrow

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

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Thurſday June 29th 1732

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Tayloe* That the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act to reſtrain the ill Uſage of Slaves held by Tenants for Life*. To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the following Meſſage from the Council to the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

The Council having had . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 162.]

Then the Council proceeded to the Conſideration of the Report of the Managers from the Conference Yeſterday.

Reſolved

That is is the Opinion of this Houſe that the Addreſs to His Majeſty, and Memorial to the Lords of the Treaſury be prepared by this Houſe and

A Committee was appointed accordingly.

Then the Reſolve of the Houſe of Burgeſſes of Yeſterday being read, was agreed to, and is as follows,

Reſolved

That *John Randolph* Eſq^r be appointed Agent for this Colony to negotiate the Affairs of the Colony, in *Great Britain:* And that the Sum of Two Thouſand Two Hundred Pounds be paid to him, out of the Money in the Hands of the Treaſurer, to defray his Expences; and for a Reward for his Trouble, and the taking so long a Voiage.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to reſtrain the ill Uſage of Slaves held by Tenants for Life*,

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to reſtrain the keeping too great a Number of Horſes and Mares, and for amending the Breed thereof; and to prevent unbroke Horſes and Mares and breeding Mares from going at large in uninclofed Grounds*

Read the third time with the Amendments,

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for leſſening the Reward for killing young Wolves; and for preventing Frauds in obtaining Certificates for Wolves Heads*

Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered a third Reading.

Preſent *John Tayloe* Eſq^r

A Bill Entituled *An Act for adding part of the Countys of* Surry *and* Iſle *of* Wight *unto the County of* Brunſwick, *and part of the Pariſhes of* Lawns *Creek* Southwark *and* Warwickſqueak *in the ſaid Countys of* Surry *and* Iſle *of* Wight *unto the pariſh of* S^t. Andrew *in the ſaid County of* Brunſwick,

Read the third time.

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs.

A

A Bill Entituled *An Act for leſſening the Reward for killing of young Wolves; and for preventing Frauds in obtaining Certificates for Wolves Heads*

Read the third time.

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid ſeveral Bills to the Burgeſſes, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock.

Friday June the 30th 1732

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Carter, Willm Dandridge, John Cuſtis & John Tayloe* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Lee* and others who brought a Reſolve of their Houſe, to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

And the ſaid Reſolve was read and agreed to as follows

Reſolved

That the Reward of One Hundred Pounds be given out of the Publick Money in the Hands of the Treaſurer to any Perſon who ſhall diſcover and convict the Perſon or Perſons who burnt the Publick Warehouſe at *Falmouth.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Francis Willis* & others who brought a Reſolve of their Houſe, To which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

And the ſaid Reſolve was read and agreed to as follows

Reſolved

That the Sum of Forty pounds out of the Publick Money in the Treaſurers Hands be paid to Mr *Auguſtine Smith* towards repairing the Loſs he ſuſtained by the blowing up of the Gunpowder committed to his Care by the Order of ye Government.

William Byrd Eſqr from the Committee appointed to prepare an Addreſs to the King and a Letter to the Rt Honble the Lords Commiſſrs, of the Treaſury, Reported that they had prepared the ſaid Addreſs and Letter, which he delivered in at the Table

And the ſame were read and agreed to with ſome Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Eskridge* and others That the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act for Raiſing a Publick Levy and alſo a Book of Proportions of the Publick Levy* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Book of Proportions was Read and agreed to.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for raiſing a Publick Levy*

Read the firſt time, and

Ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill Entituled *An Act to reſtrain the ill Uſage of Slaves held by Tenants by* [*for*] *Life*

Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered

That the Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be referred till next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for raiſing a Publick Levy*

Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered a third Reading, and

The ſaid Bill was read the third time.

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly do carry the ſaid Bill, together with the Book of Proportions, to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without Amendment.

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 aclock

Saturday

Saturday July 1ſt 1732

Preſent

THE Governor, *Robert Carter* Eſqr Mr Comry *Blair*, *William Byrd*, *Cole Digges*, *John Carter*, *William Dandridge*, *John Cuſtis* & *John Tayloe* Eſqrs

The Addreſs of this Aſſembly to the King, their Repreſentation to the Parliament, and Letter to the Lords of the Treaſury, were ſigned by the Preſident in Name of the Council.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance on him in the Council Chamber; and that they bring with them ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent

And accordingly The Houſe being come up

Mr *Speaker* addreſſ'd himſelf to the Governor in the following Words.

Sir

We His Majeſtys moſt Dutiful . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 164-165.]

Then the Governor was pleaſed to Sign his Aſſent to the following Bills: viz . . . . [For the 34 enumerated Acts, ſee J. of H. of B., pp. 165-166.]

Alſo to the ſeveral Reſolves following viz . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 167. l. 3 to l. 20.]

After which the Governor made the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

My Aſſent to the ſeveral Bills . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 167.]

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AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

begun and held at the Capitol the firſt day of *February* MDCCXXVÿ; and thence continued by ſundry prorogations to *Thurſday* the 22d day of *Auguſt* MDCCXXXIV in the Eighth Year of the Reign of our Lord *George* II, King of *Great Britain* &c.

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[*Thurſday Auguſt* the 22nd 1734]

Preſent

THE HONble *William Gooch* Eſqr His Majeſty's Lieutenant Governor &c, *James Blair*, Comry, *Cole Digges*, *John Carter*, *John Cuſtis*, *William Randolph* & *George Phenney* Eſqrs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſs, and acquaint them that the Governor commands their immediate Attendce,

The Houſe attending, The Governor made the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

If a conſtant and a tender Regard . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1727-1740, pp. 171-2.]

The Governor Abſent

Reſolved

That an humble Addreſs be prepared & preſented to the Governour to return him the hearty Thanks of this Houſe for his Affectionate Speech.

Phillip Lightfoot Eſq preſent

Mr Commy *Blair*, *Cole Digges* & Mr *Secretary* are to prepare the ſaid Addreſs.

Then the Council Adjourned till Tomorow Morning 11 a Clock

Friday Auguſt the 23d 1734

Preſent

MR COMY *BLAIR*, *Cole Digges*, *John Carter*, *John Cuſtis*, *William Randolph*, *Phillip Lightfoot* and *George Phenney* Eſqrs

Mr Comry *Blair* Reported that the perſons appointed had (according to Order) prepared an Addreſs to the Governour, which he deliver'd in at the Board, where the ſame was Read & Approved.

Ordered

That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly Tranſcribed

And then the Council Adjourned 'till 11 a Clock Tomorrow Morng.

Satturday Auguſt the 24th 1734

Preſent

THE HONble the Governour, Mr Comry *Blair*, *Cole Digges*, *John Carter*, *John Cuſtis*, *William Randolph*, *Phillip Lightfoot* and *George Phenney* Eſqrs

The Houſe of Burgeſſes having upon the Reſignation of *John Holloway* Eſqr by the Governours Leave proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker in his Room, preſented Sr *John Randolph* Knight as their Speaker who made the following Speech

Sir

The Houſe of Burgeſſes being deprived . . . . .

Then

Then the Governor ſpake thus

Gentlemen

Though I am ſorry . . . . .

After the Governours Speech Mr *Speaker* replied.

Sir

I am very ſenſible . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 177.]

Ordered

That the Addreſs of this Houſe to the Governour be ſigned by Mr *Comy* in the Name of the Council

Ordered

That *John Carter & Phillip Lightfoot* Eſqrs wait on the Governour to know when & Where he will be Attended with the ſaid Addreſs

Who being return'd reported that his Honour had appointed to receive the Addreſs in the Council Chamber

The Governour preſent

The Addreſs was preſented and read as follows

Sir

His Majeſtys moſt loial & dutiful Subjects the Council of this His Colony now met in Aſſembly, beg Leave to return their ſincere & hearty thanks for your moſt affectionate and obliging Speech at the opening of this Seſſion—

It is with unſpeakable Pleaſure, that we obſerve the ſame Zeal for the Happineſs of this Country, which hath appear'd ſo Eminently throughout the paſt Courſe of Yor Adminiſtracon, ſtill exerting itſelf in a Steady Purſuit of thoſe prudent & juſt Meaſures which are moſt suitable towards making our Trade flouriſh, & ſecuring to the people under your Government the quiet Enjoyment of the fruits of an honeſt Induſtry

We ſhou'd be wanting in our Duty to the beſt of Sovereigns, if we ſhou'd not, with the warmeſt Sentiments of Gratitude, acknowledge his Majeſty's Conſummate Wiſdom as well as His Paternal Goodneſs in Marrying the Princeſs Royal to his Serene Highneſs the Prince of *Orange* a Prince no leſs Eminent for his Perſonal Vertues than for being deſcended from thos illuſtrious Heros, who have diſtinguiſh'd themſelves in the Defence of the Proteſtant Religion, and the cauſe of Liberty: And with what Joy muſt every *Britiſh* ſubject be filled, who ſees his Majeſty ſtudying to perpetuate to his People the Bleſſings they now Enjoy, by an Alliance which thus Strengthens the Proteſtant Interest, and the Liberties of Europe—

It remains, Sir, that we aſſure You of our Hearty Concurrence for Continuing & improving the Regulations already eſtabliſhed for the Advancement of our Trade and the Publick Good of this Colony, with that juſt regard to the Intereſt of our Mother Country which becomes good and ffaithful Subjects to our Moſt Gracious King and the particular Reſpect we owe to yor Merit—

To which the Governour made the following Anſwer

Gentlemen

I Heartily thank you for this kind Addreſs: The Aſſurance I have of yor Concurrence will always encourage me to a Conſtant Endeavour to promote the Happineſs of this Country; and it is a particular Satisfaction to me to find my Adminiſtration approved by You.

Then the Council adjourn'd till tomorrow 11 a Clock

Munday Auguſt the 26th 1734

Preſent

MR COMY *BLAIR, John Carter, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, Phillip Lightfoot & George Phenney* Eſqrs

The Council having no Buſineſs before them

Adjourned till ToMorrow Morning Eleven a Clock

Tueſday

Tuesday August the 27th 1734

Present

THE Govenour and the Council as Yesterday

The House of Burgesses Attended the Governour in the Council Chamber & presented their Address as follows

Sir

We His Majestys most dutiful . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 179.]

To which the Governour made the following Answer

Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses.

I thank you for your kind Address . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 180.]

And then the Council Adjourned till 11 a Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Wednesday August the 28th 1734

Present

MR COMY *BLAIR, John Robinson, John Carter, John Custis, William Randolph, Phillip Lightfoot* and *George Phenney* Esqrs

The Council met, and having no Business before them

Adjourned till Tomorrow Eleven a Clock

Thursday August the 29th 1734

Present

MR COMY *BLAIR, John Robinson, John Carter, John Custis, William Randolph, Phillip Lightfoot* and *George Phenney* Esqrs

A Motion being made that a Bill be brought in for registring Mortguages and other Conveyances which may affect Lands, Tenements, & Slaves & for Amending the Act of Assembly for settling the Titles & Bounds of Lands & preventing unlawfull Shooting and rangs thereupon

Resolved

That it be referr'd to a Committee to prepare the Heads of the said Bill & to report the same

And then the Council Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

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Friday August the 30th 1734

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The Council met and having no Business before them

Adjourned Till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Satturday August the 31st 1734

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The Council met & having no Bussiness before them

Adjourned till *Monday* Morning 11 a Clock

Munday September 2d 1734

Present

MR COMY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinson, John Carter, John Custis, William Randolph* & *George Phenney* Esqrs

The Council met & having no Business before them

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Tuesday

Tuesday September the 3d 1734

Present

AS YESTERDAY and *Phillip Lightfoot* Esqr

A petition of *John Aylett* of the County of *King William* Gent: praying that a Publick Ferry may be Appointed on *Mattapony* River at *Aylett's* Warehouse read and

Referr'd to the Consideration of the House of Burgesses

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Wednesday September the 4th 1734

Present

MR COMY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinson, John Carter, John Grymes, John Custis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Phil Lightfoot, Thomas Lee & George Phenney* Esqrs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Amending the Act entituled* An Act for Setling the Titles and Bounds of Land and for preventing unlawfull Shooting & Ranging thereupon being reported was

Read the first time

Ordered

That the said bill be Read a second time on *Friday* next

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Thursday September 5th 1734

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The Council met and having no Business before them

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Friday September 6th 1734

Present

AS YESTERDAY

Ordered

That the second Reading of the Bill Entituled *An Act for amending the* Act for settling the Titles and Bounds of Lands and for preventing unlawfull Shooting and Ranging thereupon to [be] put off till this day Se'night

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven a Clock

Satturday September the 7th 1734

Present

MR COMY *BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinson, John Carter, John Grymes, John Custis, William Randolph, Philip Lightfoot, John Tayloe, Thomas Lee John Grymes* Esq presented a Bill for the More easy Trial of Criminals before the Justices of *Oyer & Terminer*

And the said Bill was Received & read A first time

Ordered that the said Bill be Read a second time on *Tuesday* next.

Adjourned till *Monday* Morning 11 a Clock

Munday

Munday September the 9th 1734

Prefent

MR COMY *BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, Phil: Lightfoot, Thomas Lee*

The Council met and having no Bufinefs before them

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Tuefday September the 10th 1734

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY and *Geo: Phenney* Efq

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Anderfon* and Mr *Merriweather* that they had paff'd a Bill Entituled *An Act to make void certain Contracts for the paying exceffive Ufury, for the further difcouragement of the unrighteous practice of taking above lawfull Intereft, and for reducing the rate of Intereft* To which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe.

A Bill Entituled *an Act to make void certain Contracts for the paying exceffive Ufury for the further difcouragement of the unrighteous practice of taking above lawfull Intereft and reducing the Rate of Intereft*

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the more Eafy Trial of Cryminals before Juftices of* Oyer *and* Terminer.

Read the Second time And Continued for Amendments

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Wednefday September 11th 1734

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Henry Willis* that they had paffed a Bill Entitd *An Act for dividing* Spotfilvania *County* to which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe

The Amendments to a Bill Entd *an Act for the More eafy Trial of Criminals before Juftices of* Oyer & Terminer being Reported were Agreed to.

Ordered

That the Bill be Engroffed.

A Bill entituled *an Act for dividing* Spotfylvania *County* Read the firft time And *Ordered* a fecond reading

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Thurfday September the 12th 1734

Prefent

THE Governor, Mr Comy *Blair, William Byrd, John Robinfon, John Cuftis, Phil Lightfoot* & *Thos Lee* Efqrs

A petition of the Prefident & Mafters of the Colledge of *William* & *Mary* complg of great Frauds & Abufes in the Exportation of Tobacco to the Plantations and in the Duty of Skins and furrs and praying Relief therein—

And

A petition of the Inhabitants on the Weft Side the blue Mountains on *Sherrando* River

Read and Referr'd to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes

Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Eleven a Clock

Friday

Friday September the 13th 1734

Prefent

MR COMY *BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinfon, John Cuftis, Phil Lightfoot & Thomas Lee*

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Conway* that they had paffed a Bill Entituled *an Act for deftroying Squirrels and Crows* to which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Jno Robinfon* and others that the Houfe had paffed a Bill, Entd *an Act for further continuing the* Act for making more Effectual provifion againft Invafions and Infurrections to Which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe

A Bill entituled *an Act for deftroying Squirrels and Crows* read the firft time &

Ordered

To be read a Second time

Prefent *John Grymes & Geo: Phenney* Efqrs

A Bill entituled *an Act for further continuing the* Act for making more effectual provifion againft Invafions and Infurrections Read the firft time, and

Ordered

To be read a Second time

A Bill Entituled *an Act for amending the* Act for fettling the Bounds of Land and for preventing unlawfull Shooting & Ranging thereupon Read the fecond time And Committed for Amendments.

An Engrofs'd Bill Entd *An Act for the more eafy Trial of Criminals before Juftices of* Oyer *&* Terminer Read the third Time

Refolved

That the Bill do pafs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the faid Bill to the Burgeffes and defire their Concurrence thereto

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Satturday September the 14th 1734

Prefent

MR COMY *BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, Phillip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee* and *George Phenney* Efqrs

A petition of the Veftrys of *Warwickfqueak* and *Newport* Parifhes in *Ifle* of *Wight* County praying that the faid Parifhes may be divided in a more Convenient manner Read, and

Referr'd to the Houfe of Burgeffes.

A Bill Entituled *an Act for continuing the* [Act] for making more Effectual provifion againft Invafions and Infurrections Read the Second time

Ordered

That the faid Bill be read a Third time

Adjourned till *Monday* Morning 11 a Clock

Monday September 16th 1734

Prefent

MR COMY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, Phillip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Efqrs

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Francis Willis* that the Houfe had paffed a Bill Entituled *an Act for Docking the Entails of certain Lands in the*

the Countys of Glocefter *and* Elizabeth City *and Vefting the fame in* Henry Willis *in fee Simple and for fettling feveral other Lands & Tenements and feveral Slaves to the fame ufes* To which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Martin* that they had paffed a Bill for the better Enabling the Executors of the Laft Will & Teftament of *Charles Burges* Gent decd to pay his Debts & Legacies To which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Tuefday September 17th 1734

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY & *Geo Phenney* Efq

A Bill Entituled *an Act for the better Enabling the Executors of the laft Will & Teftament of* Charles Burges *Gent decd to pay his Debts & Legacies* Read the firft Time

Ordered

To be read a Second time

A Bill entituled *an Act for docking the entail of certain Lands in the Countys of* Glocester *and* Elizabeth City *and vefting the fame in* Henry Willis *in fee Simple and for Settling other Lands and Tenements and feveral Slaves to the fame Ufes* read the firft time

Ordered to be Read a fecond time

A Bill entituled *an Act for deftroying Squirrels & Crowes* read the fecond time the queftn being put that the Bill be Read a Third time

It paffed in the Negative

A Bill Entituled *a Act for further continuing the Act for making more effectual provifion againft Invafions and Infurrections* Read the third time

Refolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Gen1 Affembly carry the faid Bill to the Burgeffes and acquaint them that the fame is agreed to without any Amendment

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Wednefday September the 18th 1734

Prefent

MR COMY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, Willm Randolph, Phil: Lightfoot, John Tayloe* and *Thomas Lee* Efqrs

The Council in a Grand Committee went through the Amendments to the Bill entituled *an Act for amending the* Act for fettling the Titles and Bounds of Lands and for preventing unlawful Shooting and Ranging thereupon

Ordered

That the faid Amendments be reported ToMorrow

A Bill entituled *an Act to make void certain Contracts for the paying exceffive ufury for the further difcouragement of the unrighteous Practice of taking more than the Lawfull Intereft and reducing the Rate of Intereft.* was read a fecond time and committed for Amendments

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Thurfday

Thurſday September 19th 1734

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill for dividing *Spotſylvania* County Read the ſecond time And *Ordered*

To be Read a Third time.

A Bill Entituled *an Act for the better Enabling the Exrs of the laſt Will of* Charles Burges *Gent decd to pay his Debts & Legacies* Read the Second time

Ordered that the ſame be read a Third time.

A Bill entituled *an Act for docking the Entail of certain Lands in the County of* Glocester *&* Elizabeth City *and veſting the ſame in* Henry Willis *in Fee Simple and for Settling other Lands and Tenements and Several Slaves to the ſame Uſes* Read the ſecond time &

Ordered

to be Read a third time

A Meſſage by Mr *Frances[is] Willis* that the Burgeſſes had paſs'd a Bill Entituled *An Act to veſt certain entail'd Lands with the Appurtenances therein mentioned in* Charles Tomkies *Genit. in fee ſimple and for ſettling other Lands of Greater Value to the ſame Uſes;* To which they deſired the Concurrence of this Houſe—

Adjourned till Eleven a Clock To Morrow Morng

Friday September 20th 1734

Preſent

THE Governor, Mr Comy *Blair, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Byrd, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Thomas Lee & George Phenney* Eſqrs

A petition of the *Nottoway* Indians praying that a Bill be brought in for the ſale of part of their Land for payment of their Debts & enabling them to maintain their old Men and other Uſes—Read and

Referr'd to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

A Bill entituled *An Act for making Void certain contracts for the pays exceſſive Uſury for the further diſcouragement of the unrighteous Practice of taking more than Lawfull Intereſt and reducing the rate of Intereſt.*

Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill as amended be agreed to

A Bill Entituled *an Act for the better enabling the Executors of the Laſt Will & Teſtam: of* Charles Burges *Gent decd to pay his Debts and Legacies*—Read the third time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be agreed to

A Bill entituled *an Act for docking the Entail of certain Lands in the Countys of* Glocester *and* Elizabeth City *and veſting the Same in* Henry Willis *in fee ſimple and for ſettling other Lands & Tenements & ſeveral Slaves to the ſame Uſes.*

Read the third time

Reſolved the Bill be agreed to

A Bill entituled *an Act for dividing* Spotſylvania

Read the Third time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid ſeveral Bills to the Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to the Amendments made to one of them

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A Bill Entituled *an Act to fell [veſt] certain [entailed] Lands with the appurtenances therein mentioned in* Charles Tomkies *Gent in fee ſimple and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes* Read the firſt time and

Ordered

To be Read a ſecond time

Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Satturday September the 21ſt 1734

Preſent

MR COMY *BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Phil: Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* and Mr *Armiſtead* that the Houſe had made ſome Amendments to the Bill ſent from this Houſe for the more Eaſy Trial of Criminals before Juſtices of *Oyer* and *Terminer*,

To which they deſier the Concurrence of this Houſe

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Martin*, that they had agreed to the Councils Amendments to the Bill Entituled *an Act to make void certain Contracts for the paying exceſſive Uſury for the further diſcouragement of the unrighteous practice of taking more than the lawfull Intereſt and reducing the Rate of Intereſt*

The Council proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments made by the Burgeſſes to the Bill Entituled *an Act for the more eaſy Trial of Criminals before Juſtices of* Oyer & Terminer, And diſagreed to the ſame

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the Bills and Amendments to the Burgeſſes & deſire them to agree to the Bill without thoſe Amendments

A Bill Entituled *An Act for veſting certain Entailed Lands with the Appurtenances therein mentioned in* Charles Tomkies *Gent in fee Simple and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes* Read the Second time and

Ordered

To be Read a Third time

Adjourned till *Munday* Morning 11 a Clock

Munday September the 23d 1734

Preſent

MR COMY *BLAIR, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe & Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Bill entituled *an Act to veſt certain entailed Lands with the Appurtenances therein mentioned in* Charles Tomkies *Gent: in fee ſimple and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*—Read the firſt time

Reſolved

That the Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney general* and others that the Houſe had paſſed a Bill Entd *an Act for Continuing and further Amending the* Act for Amendg the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſtys Cuſtoms to Which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

And the ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time, and

Ordered, to be Read a ſecond time

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Tueſday

Tuesday September the 24th 1734

Present

MR COMY *BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinson, John Carter, John Grymes, John Custis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Phil Lightfoot, & Thomas Lee* Esqrs

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Conway* that the House had pass'd a Bill Entd *an Act to Vest part of the Estate of* Robert Carter *Esqr decd devised to* Robert Carter *the Younger who died in his Lifetime in* Robert Carter *the son and Heir of the said* Robert Carter *the Younger and to make provision for* Priscilla Carter *the Widdow of the said* Robert Carter *the Younger and* Elizabeth *his Daughter*. To which they desire the Concurrence of this House

And the Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered, a Second reading

A Bill entituled *an Act for Continuing and further Amending* an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for prefenting frauds in his Majestys Customs Read the second time And

Ordered that the said Bill be Committed for Amendments

Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 11 a Clock

Wednesday September 25th 1734

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Conway*, that the House adhered to their amendments to the Bill Entituled *an Act for the more easy Tryal of Cryminals before Justices of* Oyer *and* Terminer, and that they cannot agree to the Bill without those Amendments

An engrossed Bill entituled *an Act for Amending the Act entituled* an Act for settling the Titles and Bounds of Lands and for preventing Unlawfull Shooting and Ranging thereupon Read the Third time

Resolved

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Bill to the Burgesses and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill entituled *an Act to vest part of the Estate of* Robert Carter *Esqr decd devised to* Robert Carter *the Younger who dyed, in his Lifetime to* Robert Carter *the Son and Heir of the said* Robert Carter *the Younger and to make provision for* Priscilla Carter *the Widdow of the said* Robert Carter *the Younger and* Elizabeth *his Daughter*—

Read the Second time And

Ordered a Third Reading

William Byrd Esqr present.

The Council went into a Committee upon the Amendments to the Bill Entitul'd *an Act for continuing and further amending An Act Entituled* an Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in his Majestys Customs.

Resolved

That this House will tomorrow Morning Consider further of the said Amendmts

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Thursday

Thurſday September 26th 1734

Preſent

MR COMY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Grymes, Wil Randolph* and *Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* that they had paſſed a Bill Entd *An Act for deſtroying Squirrels and Crows in the* Northern Neck *and on the Eaſtern Shore* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

John Carter & *Phil Lightfoot* Eſqrs preſent

And the ſaid Bill was read the firſt time And

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

John Cuſtis Wm Randolph & *John Tayloe* Eſqrs preſent

A Bill Entituled *an Act to veſt part of the Eſtate of* Robert Carter *Eſqr decd deviſed to* Robert Carter *the Younger who died in his Life time, in* Robert Carter *the Son and Heir of the ſaid* Robert Carter *the Younger and to make Proviſion for* Priſcilla Carter *the Widdow of the ſaid* Robert Carter *the Younger and* Elizabeth *his Daughter.*

Read the Third time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be agreed to without any Amendment and

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſame to the Burgeſſes And Acquaint them therewith—

The Council proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments to the Bill entituled *an Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſtys Cuſtoms.*

Ordered

That the ſaid Amendments be Reported Tomorrow

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Friday September 27th 1734

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Robinſon* and others that the Houſe had paſs'd a Bill Entituled *An Act to amend the Laws now in force for the more Speedy & Eaſy Recovery of Small Debts,* And a Bill entituled *An Act for the better Regulating certain Officers fees and other purpoſes therein Mentioned.* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

A Meſſage by Mr *Richard Randolph* and others that the Burgeſſes had paſſ'd a Bill Entituled *an Act for dividing the Pariſh of* Henerico, *and for Uniting the Pariſhes of* Newport *and* Warwickſqueak *In the County of* Iſle *of* Whight to Which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Meſſage by Mr *Martin* & others that the Burgeſſes had paſs'd a Bill entituled *an Act for the more equal Lifting of Perſons to ſerve in the Militia, and enforcing the Laws for regulating the Militia.* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels in the* Nothern Neck *and on the* Eaſtern Shore Read the Third time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be Agreed to.

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The Council took into conſideration the Amendments to the Bill entituled *an Act for the more eaſy Trial of Criminals before Juſtices of* Oyer & Terminer, And Agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bills to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the Amendments propoſed to the laſt mentioned Bill and agreed to the firſt Mentioned without any Amendment

A Bill Entituled *an Act for the more equal Lifting of Perſons to ſerve in the Militia and enforcing the Laws for Regulating the Militia.* Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

A Bill entituled *an Act to Amend the Laws now in force for the more Speedy and eaſy Recovery of ſmall Debts*—Read the firſt time and

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

A Bill entituled *an Act for dividing the pariſh of* Henrico *and for Uniting & dividing the pariſhes of* New Port *and* Warwickſqueak *in the County of* Iſle *of* Wight *and for other purpoſes therein Mentioned*—Read the firſt time and

Ordered to be Read a ſecond time

A Bill Entituled *an Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers fees and other purpoſes therein Mentioned*—Read the firſt time and

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

A Bill Entituled *an Act for continuing and further Amending the Act entituled* an Act for the Amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſtys Cuſtoms.—Read the Third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſame to the Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments

Adjourned till To Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

Satturday September 28th 1734

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill entituled *an Act to Oblidge the Juſtices of* James City *and* York *to Levy Tobacco for certain Officers of the City of* Williamſburg—Read the firſt Time and

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

A Bill entituled *an Act for the more equal Lifting of perſons to ſerve in the Militia & enforcing the Laws for regulating the Militia*—Read the ſecond time

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Committed for Amendments

A Bill entituled *an Act to amend the Laws now in force for the more Speedy and eaſy recovery of ſmall Debts*—Read the ſecond time, and

Order'd

To be Read a Third time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Mead* that they had paſs'd a Bill entituled *an Act for the Releif of ſuch perſons as have ſuffered or may ſuffer by the Loſs of the Records of* Nancemond *County conſumed by fire*

And

And the ſaid Bill was read the firſt time and

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

A Bill entituled *an Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers fees and other purpoſes therein mention'd*—Read the ſecond time And

The ſaid Bill read the Third time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

A Bill Entituled *an Act for dividing the Pariſh of* Henrico *and for Uniting and Dividing the Pariſhes of* Newport *and* Warwickſqueak *in the County of* Iſle *of* Wight Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

A Bill Entituled *an Act to amend the Laws now in force for the more speedy and eaſy recovery of ſmall Debts*—Read the Third time

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs

A Meſſage by Mr *Randolph* that the Burgeſſes had paſſed a Bill for the better regulating Ordinary keepers & retailers of Strong Liquors and to prevent their giving Credit and to diſable them to Maintain any Action—To which they deſire the Concurrce of this Houſe

And the ſaid Bill was read the firſt time and

Ordered To be Read a Second time

A Meſſage by Mr *Attorney Genl* that the Burgeſſes had paſs'd a Bill entituled *an Act for Allowing Indians to be Witneſſes in Criminal Offences committed by Indians* And a Bill Entituled *an Act for dividing the County of* Prince George *and Pariſh of* Briſtol *and adding part of the County of* Brunſwick *to the New Erected County.* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Several Bills were Read the firſt Time and

Ordered to be Read a Second time

Adjourned till *Monday* Morning 11 a Clock

Munday September 30th 1734

Preſent

MR COMY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Cuſtis & William Randolph* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney* that the Houſe had made ſeveral amendments to the Bill ſent up Entituled *An Act for ſettling the Titles and Bounds of Lands and to prevent Unlawfull Shooting and Ranging thereon* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

And the ſaid Bill with the Amendments was agreed to & incerted in the Bill.

A Meſſage by Mr *Conway* that the Burgeſſes had paſſed ye Bill ſent from this Houſe now entituled *An Act for the better Regulating the Trial of Criminals for Capital Offences* with the amendments by them agreed to

A Meſſage by Mr *Blair* that the Burgeſſes had paſs'd the following Bills Vizt

A Bill for leſſning the penalties for killing Deer at unſeaſonable times.

A Bill for the better direction of Officers in the Sale of Goods or other Things taken in Execution or diſtrain'd for Rent.

A Bill for Appointing ſeveral New ferrys.

A Bill to prevent the Building Wooden Chimneys in the Towns of *York* and *Glocester*

And the ſaid ſeveral Bills were Read the firſt time and

Ordered a ſecond reading

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A Bill entituled *an Act for better Regulating Ordinary keepers and Retailers of Strong Liquors and to prevent their giving Credit and to disable them to Maintain any Action or recover any Money, Tobacco or other Commodity for such Liquors sold upon Credit* Read the second time and

Ordered

That the said Bill be Committed for Amendments

A Bill entituled *An Act for Allowing Indians to be Witness in Criminal Offences committed by Indians* Read the Second time And

Ordered

To be Read a Third time

A Bill Entituled *an Act for the Releif of such persons as have suffer'd or may suffer by the Loss of the Records of* Nancemond *County lately Consum'd by fire*—Read the second time &

Ordered

To be Read a Third time

A Bill Entituled *an Act for dividing the County of* Prince George *and Parish of* Bristol *& adding part of* Brunswick *to the New Erected County.* Read the second time and

Ordered

To be Read a Third time

A Bill Entituled *An Act to Oblige the Justices of* James City *&* York *to Levy Tobacco for certain Officers of the City of* Williamsburg Read the Second time And

Ordered

To be Read a Third time

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Attorney Genl* and others That the House had had, under Consideration the Amendments to the Tobacco Law, and to some had agreed, and to others disagreed and desire the Council to pass the Bill without those Amendments to which the House have disagreed

Resolved

That this House doth recede from the Amendm^ts^ to which the Burgesses have disagreed

Resolved

That the Bill be agreed to with the Amendm^ts^ to which the Burgesses have agreed.

A Bill entituled *an Act for allowing Indians to be Witnesses in Criminal Offences committed by Indians* Read the third time

A Bill entituled *an Act for the Releif of such persons as have suffered on may suffer by the Loss of the Records of* Nancemond *County lately consumed by fire.* Read the Third time

Resolved

That the Bills be agreed to.

A Bill for dividing the County of *Prince George* and parish of *Bristol* and adding part of the County of *Brunswick* to the new Erected County. Read the Third time

Resolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

A Bill entituled *an Act to Oblige the Justices of* James City *and* York *to Levy Tobacco for certain Officers of the City of* Williamsburg—Read the Third time

Resolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Bills to the Burgesses and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the same

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *John Robinson* & others that the House have passed a Bill Entituled *An Act Continuing* an Act for laying a Duty on Liquors & Slaves to be paid by the Buyers to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

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A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Simmons* that the Burgeſſes had paſs'd a Bill Entituled *an Act to Enable the* Nottoway *Indians to ſell certain Lands therein mention'd and for diſcharging the Indian Interpreters* to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Bill entituled *an Act for continuing* an Act laying Duty on Liquors

Read the firſt time and

Ordered

To be Read a ſecond time

A Bill entituled *an Act for Continuing* an Act laying a Duty on Slaves to be pd [by] the Buyers read the firſt time

Ordered

To be Read a ſecond time

A Bill entituled *an Act for enabling the* Nottoway *Indians to ſell certain Lands therein mentioned*—Read the firſt time and

Ordered

To be Read a ſecond time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney* and others that the Burgeſſes had paſſed a Bill for the better ſupport of the Colledge of *William & Mary* in *Virginia* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time, and

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

Phillip Lightfoot Eſq preſent

Adjournd till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Tueſday October the 1ſt 1734

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill entituled *an Act for continuing an Act entituled* an Act for laying a Duty on Slaves to be paid by the Buyers Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered

To be Read a third time

A Bill entituled *an Act for continuing an Act entituled* an Act for laying a Duty on Liquors Read the ſecond time and

Ordered

To be Read a Third time.

A Bill Entituled *an Act to enable the* Nottoway *Indians to ſell certain Lands therein mentioned & for diſcharging the Interpreters.* Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered

To be Read a Third time

A Bill Entituled *an Act for preventing the Building Wooden Chimneys in the Towns of* York *and* Glocester *& for pulling down ſuch as are already Built therein & to reſtrain Hoggs and Goats going at Large in the ſaid Town of* York. Read the Third time

Reſolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better direction of Officers in the Sale of Goods taken in Execution or diſtrain'd for Rent.* Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered To be Read the Third time, and

The ſaid Bill was again Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

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A Bill Entituled *an Act for continuing an Act entituled* an Act laying Duty on Slaves to be paid by the Buyers Read the third Time.

Resolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

A Bill entituled *an Act for continuing an Act entit*[d] An Act laying a Duty on Liquors Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

A Bill Entituled *an Act to enable the* Nottoway *Indians to sell certain Lands therein mentioned and for discharging the Indian Interpreters* Read the Third time

Resolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

A Message by M[r] *Braxton* that the Burgesses had pass'd a Bill entituled *An Act declaring the Glebe of* Elizabeth City *Parish lately purchased to be a Sufficient Glebe directing the Sale of Divers Glebes and other purposes therein Mentioned,* To which they desire the Concurrence of this House

A Bill entituled *an Act for Appointing several new Ferrys, and Lessning the former Rates settled for the fferriages of Wheel Carriages, & altering several Court Days* Read the second time and

Ordered

To be Read a third time.

A Bill entituled *an Act for lessning the penalty for killing Deer at unseasonable times and for the better Recovery thereof.* Read the second Time and

Ordered to be Read

A Third time

A Bill entituled *an Act for the more equal Lifting of persons to serve in the Militia and enforcing the Laws for regulating the Militia*—Read the third time with the Amendments

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen[l] Assembly carry the Bill to the Burgesses and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendments.

A Bill Entituled *an Act for better regulating Ordinary keepers and Retailers of Strong Liquors, & to prevent their giving Credit & to disable them to maintian any Action, or recover any Money Tobacco or other comodity,* read the Third time with the Amendments.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen[l] Assembly carry the Bill to the Burgesses and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendments.

A Bill Entituled *an Act for lessening the penaltys for killing Deer at unseasonable times, & for the better Recovery thereof*—Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

A Bill Entituled *an Act for appointing several New fferrys and lessning the former Rates settled for the fferriages of Wheel Carriages & altering several Court days* Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill be Agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen[l] Assembly carry the two last mentioned Bills to the Burgesses and acquaint them the same are agreed to without Amendment

A Message by M[r] *Robert Bolling* that the Burgesses had pass'd the Book of Claims To which they desire the Concurrence of this House,

A Message by M[r] *Rich*[d] *Randolph* that the Burgesses had passed a Bill entit[d] *An Act for more effectual obliging persons to buy & Sell by Weights & Measures according to the*

the Engliſh Standard. To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe—And the ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time And

Ordered

To be Read a ſecond time

The Book of Claims was read Over and agreed to.

A Bill Entituled *an Act declaring the Glebe of* Elizabeth City *Pariſh lately purchaſed to be a ſufficient Glebe directing the Sale of ſeveral Glebes and other purpoſes therein mentioned*—Read the firſt time and

Ordered

To be Read a ſecond time.

A Meſſage by Mr *Attorney Genl* that the Burgeſſes had paſs'd the Bill entituled *An Act to amend* the Act for ſettling the Titles and Bounds of Lands and preventing unlawfull Shootin and Ranging thereupon according to the Amendments agreed on,

Ordered

That the Bill be enrolled.

A Bill entituled *An Act for the better ſupport & Encouragement of the Colledge of* William & Mary Read the ſecond time and Committed for Amendments.

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Wedneſday October the 2d 1734

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY & *John Carter* Eſqr

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Martin* that the Houſe had Agreed to ſome and diſagreed to others of the Amendments to the Bill entituled *An Act for the more equal Lifting of Perſons to ſerve in the Militia & enforcing the Laws for regulating the Militia.* And deſire their Honours to paſs the Bill with the Amendments to which the Burgeſs have agreed.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* that they had diſagreed to the Amendments propoſed to the Bill for Regulating Ordinary keepers.

A Bill entituled *An Act for the better ſupport and Encouragement of the Colledge of* William *and* Mary—Read the Third Time with the Amendments.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes carry the ſaid Bill and Amendments to the Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments.

A Bill entituled *An Act declaring the Glebe of* Elizabeth *River pariſh lately purchaſed to be a Sufficient Glebe directing the Sale of ſeveral Glebes and for other purpoſes therein mentioned* Read the Second time and *Ordered* to be read a Third time immediately, and

The ſaid Bill was read the Third time And agreed to.

A Meſſage by Mr *Attorney Genl* that the Burgeſſes had paſs'd a Bill entituled *An Act appointing a Treaſurer and* [*for*] *further purpoſes therein mentioned,* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

A Meſſage by Mr *Randolph* and others that the Burgeſſes had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act directing the Duty of Surveyors of Land; and to prevent all unjuſt Exactions in receiving their ffees.* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Bill entituled *an Act for the more effectually Obliging perſons to buy and ſell by Weights and Meaſurers according to the Engliſh Standard.* Read the Second time, and *Ordered* a Third Reading immediatly, and

The ſaid Bill was Accordingly Read the third time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

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The Council took into Confideration the Amendments to the Bill for the better regulating Ordinary keepers and Retailers of ftrong Liquors, & to prevent their giving Credit, and to difable them to Maintain any Action or Recover any Money, Tobacco, or other Commodity for fuch Liquors fold upon Credit.

Refolved

That this houfe doth not infift on their Amendments to the faid Bill

Refolved

That this Houfe doth not infift on their Amendments to the Bill entituled *an Act for the more Equal lifting of perfons to ferve in the Militia and for enforcing the Laws for better Regulating the Militia*

A Bill entituled *An Act for the Appointing a Treafurer and for other purpofes therein mentioned*—Read the firft time, and

Ordered

To be read a fecond time.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Frances[is] Willis* that the Houfe had agreed to the Amendments to the Bill entituled *an act for the better Support and Encouragement of the Colledge of* William *and* Mary *in* Virginia

A Bill entituled *an Act to explain the duty of Surveyors and to prevent all unjuft Exactions in receiving their ffees*—Read the firft time, and

Committed for Amendments.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Randolph* & others that the Houfe defired an immediate Conference on the Subject Matter of the Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Regulating Ordinary keepers and Retailers of Strong Liquors, and to prevent their giving Credit, and to difable them to Maintain any Action or recover any Money, Tobacco, or other Commodity for fuch Liquors fold upon Credit* and had appointed four of their Members to fuch a Number as the Council fhall appoint in the Conference

Refolved

That the Council agree to the faid Conference

Ordered

That *William Byrd* and *Phil Lightfoot* Efqrs Manage the faid Conference—And being returned

William Byrd Reported that they had met the Burgeffes on the Subject matter of the Amendments to the Bill Entituled *an Act for the better Regulating Ordinary keepers and Retailers of Strong Liquors, and to prevent their giving Credit & to difable them to Maintain any Action or Recover any Money, Tobacco, or other Commodity for fuch Liquors fold upon Credit* And had agreed with the Burgeffes that an Amendmt fhould be made to the Amendmts

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Randolph* that the Houfe upon the Report of the Conference had agreed to the Amendment to the Bill Entituled *an Act for the better Regulats Ordinary keepers and Retailers of Strong Liquors & to prevent their giving Credit, and to difable them to maintain any Action or Recover any Money, Tobacco or other Commodity for fuch Liquors fold upon Credit*

Refolved

That the Bill as Amended be agreed to.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney Genl* with the following Refolve. To which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe and the faid Refolve was read & Agreed to As follows

Refolved

That Mr *Attorney Genl* be impower'd to exhibit a Bill in his own Name and the Name of the Surviving Truftee in the Act of the laft Seffion Entituled *An Act to Enable* Thomas Bray *Gent to fell certain Entailed Lands therein mentioned and to Lay out the purchafe Money in Slaves to be Annexed to other intailed Lands therein Mentioned alfo.* Which has Since recd his Majefty's Affent to Compell the faid *Thomas Bray* to Execute the faid Act according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof.

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Thurfday

Thurſday October the 3d 1734

Preſent

MR COMY *BLAIR, Willm Byrd, Cole Digges, John Carter, Willm Randolph, John Cuſtis & Phillip Lightfoot* Eſqrs

A Bill Entituled *an Act to Explain the Duty of Surveyors and to prevent all unjuſt Exactions in Receiving their ffees.* Read the third time with the Amendments.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Gen[l] Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill with the Amendments to the Burgeſſes & deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Appointing a Treaſurer & other purpoſes therein mentioned* Read the Second time

Ordered

That *William Robertſon* Clerk of the Council carry a Meſſage to the Burgeſſes to deſire that an Addition may be made to the Bill in favour of Mr *Holloway* & a Meſſage was prepar'd as follows Viz

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

The Council having under . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 229.]

A Meſſage by Mr *Randolph* that the Burgeſſes had agreed to the firſt Amendments propoſed to the Bill Entituled *an Act for explaining the Duty of Surveyors of Land, and to prevent unjuſt Exactions in receiving their ffees.*

A Meſſage by Mr *Martin* that the Burgeſſes had agreed to the Amendment propoſed in the Councils Meſſage

A Meſſage by Mr *Attorney Gen[l]* that the Burgeſſes had prepared an Addreſs to the King, and deſire the Council to join with them.

Then the Bill entituled *an Act for appointing a Treaſurer and for other purpoſes therein mentioned*, was Read the Third time with the Amendments conſented to by the Burgeſſes

Reſolved

That the Bill as amended be agreed to.

The Amendments to the Bill Entituled *an Act to explain the Duty of Surveyors of Land and to prevent unjuſt Exactions in receiving their ffees* to which the Burgeſſes have diſagreed being Read the Council receded from one and adhered to the Reſt of their Amendments.

The Addreſs to the King being read

Reſolved

That this Houſe do agree to Join with the Burgeſſes in the ſaid Addreſs

A Meſſage by Mr *Randolph* & others that the Burgeſſes deſire a Conference on the Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act to explain the Duty of Surveyors of Land & to prevent unjuſt Exactions in receiving their ffees*, & had appointed four of their Members to Attend on ſuch as this Houſe ſhall appoint

Mr *Secretary* & *John Cuſtis* Eſqr appointed to manage the Conference withdrew And being returned Reported that they had met the Conferrees of the Burgeſſes who propoſed that the time of Tendering Inſpector's Notes to the Surveyors be made after the middle of *July* but the Managers having no direction to agree thereto after the Council had adhered.[1]

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Blair* who brought the Book of proportions of the Publick Levy To which they deſire the Council's Concurrence

And the ſame was Read and agreed to

A Meſſage by Mr *Conway* with the Bill Entituled *an Act for raiſing a publick Levy and for other purpoſes therein mentioned*

And

[1] The copy is here imperfect. The ſenſe, however, is that the Council, having already declared their adherence to certain amendments, could not now go into conference in reference to them.

And the ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time, and

Ordered To be Read a ſecond time.

A Bill Entituled *an Act for Raiſing a publick Levy & for other purpoſes therein mentioned* Read the ſecond time, and

Ordered a Third Reading

A Bill entituled *an Act for raiſing a publick Levy & for other purpoſes therein mentioned* Read the Third time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 a Clock

Friday October the 4th 1734

Preſent

THE Governor, Mr Comy *Blair, Wil: Byrd, Cole Digges,* Mr *Secretary, John Cuſtis, Wm Randolph & Philip Lightfoot* Eſqrs

Ordered

That Mr *Kemp* (who now Officiates for Mr *Robertſon* during his ſicknefs) go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes & acquaint them that the Governour commands their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber and to bring ſuch Bills as are Ready for his Aſſent

Mr *Speaker* & the Houſe of Burgeſſes Attending Accordingly

Mr *Speaker* Addreſs'd himſelf to the Governour as follows Viz

Sir

We now attend you . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 232-233.]

Then the Governour was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the follg Bills . . . . [The remainder of the Journal, with the liſt of acts and the governor's speech, is the ſame as the correſponding part of the Houſe Journal, printed in the J. of H. of B., p. 233, line 15—p. 235.]

Exd

Wil Robertſon

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to meet at the Capitol the firſt day of *Auguſt* MDCCXXXV, and thence by Sundry Prorogations Continued and held the fifth day of *Auguſt* MDCCXXXVI in the Tenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second by the grace of God of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the ffaith &ca.

[From the Public Record Office, *London*, Colonial Office, Class 5, Vol. 1420, Section G.]

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[*Thurſday Auguſt* the 5th, 1736.]

Preſent

THE HONOURABLE *William Gooch* Eſqr his Majeſties Lieutent Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*,
James Blair, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuſtis and *Philip Lightfoot* Eſqrs

The Governor being informed that Sixty One of the Members returned Burgeſſes were Sworn and now met in their Houſe.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Acquaint them that the Governor Commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber

Accordingly the Burgeſſes attending

The Governor told them that at preſent all he had to recommend to them was to return back to their Houſe and to make Choice of a Speaker

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* & others that the Burgeſſes had made Choice of a Speaker and deſired to know when and where [they] Shall Attend to preſent him

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Governor Appoints to Morrow at Eleven in the forenoon to preſent their Speaker in the Council Chamber

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11 o Clock

Fryday Auguſt the 6th 1736

Preſent

THE Governor, *James Blair, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph & Philip Lightfoot* Eſqrs

The Houſe of Burgeſſes Attending the Governor (According to Order) preſented Sir *John Randolph* Knight as their Speaker who Spake as followeth

Sir

The Houſe of Burgeſſes have . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1727-1740, p. 241.]

To which the Governor Anſwered

Gentlemen

The Choice you have made of a Speaker is greatly to my Satisfaction

Then Mr *Speaker* proceeded as follows

I humbly thank you . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 241-242.]

And

And then the Governor made the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council Mr Speaker, *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

I cannot but Congratulate . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 243.]

After which the Burgeſſes being returned to their Houſe and the Governor Withdrawn

The Council took into Conſideration the Governors Speech

Reſolved

That an Humble Addreſs be prepared to return the Sincere thanks of this Houſe to the Governor for his Affectionate Speech

And a Committee was Appointed to prepare the Same Accordingly

Sundry propoſitions from the County of *King William* for the Reſtraining planting too great a Number of Tobacco plants Read and Refer'd to the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Then the Council Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11 a 'Clock

Saturday Auguſt the 7th 1736

Preſent

MR COMMISSY *BLAIR, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph* and *Philip Lightfoot* Eſqrs

The Committee Appointed to prepare an Addreſs to the Governor Reported that they had prepared the ſame Accordingly

And the Addreſs was Read & ſome Amendments made thereto

Ordered

That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly Tranſcribed

Ordered

That *John Grymes* and *Philip Lightfoot* Eſqrs Wait on the Governor to know when and where he will be Attended with the ſaid Addreſs

And being Returned

John Grymes Eſqr Reported that having Waited on the Governor, His Honour had been pleaſed to Appoint *Munday* 11 a'Clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber to receive the Addreſs of this Houſe

And then the Council Adjourned 'till *Munday* 11 a'Clock

Munday Auguſt the 9th 1736

Preſent

THE Governor, Mr Commiſſary *Blair, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph* and *John Tayloe* Eſqrs

Mr *Commiſſary* in behalf of the Council preſented the Addreſs to the Governor as follows

Sir

His Majeſties moſt Dutifull and Loyal Subjects the Council of this Colony, now met in General Aſſembly, gladly lay hold of this Oppertunity to Expreſs their gratefull Acknowledgements for your Affectionate Speech to both Houſes, at the Opening of this Seſſion

It cannot but Afford us the greateſt Pleaſure to find you ſtill purſuing the ſame juſt Meaſures, which have been ſo Remarkable through the Whole Courſe of your Adminiſtration and wherein you have always Wiſely joyned the Service of our moſt Gracious Sovereign with the Intereſt of the People, And ſince Conformable to the ſame Principle, you have now recommended to our preſent Conſultations, nothing but what Tends greatly to the Publick Safety & Utillity, give us leave Sir to Aſſure you, on our Part, of our Ready Concurrence in theſe and all other ſuch Meaſures as ſhall be Neceſſary for bringing this Seſſion to a happy Concluſion

We

We moſt gratefully Acknowledge His Majeſties tender Care and Concern for the Welfare of all his People and with the Utmoſt Satisfaction and Thankfullneſs, We Obſerve, Whilſt his Royal Cares have been Applied to that great Work of Reſtoring the Peace of *Europe*, His Beneficence has, at the ſame time, been Extended to us his diſtant Subjects in the Confirmation of thoſe Acts of the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, greatly beneficial to the people of the preſent Generation, as well as to our lateſt poſterity, Who we hope will Retain the ſame greatfull Sentiments with us of his Majeſties Goodneſs, And your kind Endeavours and good Offices therein

As for us, *Sir*, who have the Honour to be the near Witneſſes of the Prudence, Moderation & Juſtice of your Adminiſtration, We ſhould be Unjuſt to our Selves as well as Ungratefull to your Character, if we did not take this Occaſion to declare, That We Eſteem the Quiet and Tranquility which this Colony has Enjoyed Under your Government, as one of the greateſt Publick bleſſings, Which we Sincerely Wish may be long Continued to us

To which the Governor made the following Anſwer

Gentlemen

I Heartily thank you for this kind & Obliging Addreſs, It is a great Conſolation to me to meet with ſo Ample a Teſtimonial from ſuch faithfull Witneſſes, And as nothing could give me a greater pleaſure, then to find my Adminiſtration Approved by you, So I ſhall always with the moſt Cheerfulneſs, Continue my beſt Endeavours for the Service and Proſperity of this Colony, whilſt I am thus Aſſured of your Candour and Affection, and have no doubt of your friendly and Sufficient Aſſiſtance

The Governor being Informed the Burgeſſes Waited to know where to Attend him

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Governor is ready in the Council Chamber to Receive their Addreſs—

Accordingly the Burgeſſes Attended and preſented their Addreſs as follows

Sir

We His Majeſties moſt dutifull . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 246-247.]

To which the Governor was pleaſed to make the following Anſwer

Gentlemen

This is a Very kind Addreſs . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 247.]

Philip Lightfoot Eſq^{r} preſent.

Sundry petitions of the Inhabitants on *Sherando* River, alſo A propoſition from *Iſle Wight* County

Read and Referr'd to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. a Clock

Tueſday Aug^{ſt} the 10th 1736

Preſent

MR COMMISSARY *BLAIR*, *John Robinſon*, *John Carter*, *John Grymes*, *John Cuſtis*, *William Randolph*, *John Tayloe* & *Philip Lightfoot* Eſq^{rs}

The Council having no buſineſs before them

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. a Clock

Wedneſday Auguſt the 11th 1736

Preſent

MR COMMISSARY *BLAIR*, *John Robinſon*, *John Carter*, *John Grymes*, *John Cuſtis*, *William Randolph*, *John Tayloe*, *Philip Lightfoot* & *Thomas Lee* Eſq^{rs}

The Council having no buſineſs before them

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. a'Clock

Thurſday

Thurſday Auguſt the 12th 1736

Preſent

MR COMMISSARY *BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

The Council having mett

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. a'Clock

Fryday Auguſt the 13th 1736

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council met and having no buſineſs before them

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. A'Clock

Saturday Auguſt 14th 1736

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council having no buſineſs before them

Adjourned 'till *Munday* 11. A'Clock

Munday Auguſt the 16th 1736

Preſent

MR COMMISSARY *BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, John Tayloe & Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

The Council met and having no buſineſs before them

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. a'Clock

Tueſday Auguſt the 17th 1736

Preſent

THE Governor, Mr Commiſſary *Blair, William Byrd, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Carter, John Cuſtis, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of *Hannover* County was preſented praying a Diviſion of the ſaid County

And alſo a Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of *Goochland* County praying a Diviſion of that County and that all that part which Lies on the North ſide the *South* River of *James* River may be joyned to the Upper part of *Hannover* and made a Diſtinct County Were Severally read &

Referred

To the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

A Motion being made that a Bill be prepared for the Relief of Sheriffs againſt Eſcapes of Priſoners

Reſolved

That a Bill be prepared Accordingly

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. A'Clock

Wedneſday

Wednesday August the 18th 1736

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Conway* & others who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act for Repealing the Act Entituled* An Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in his Majesties Customs *and Two other Acts to Amend and Explain and for Continuing & further Amending that Act*, To which they desire the Councils Concurrence

And the said Bill was Read the first time &

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. a'Clock

Thursday August the 19th 1736

Present

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinson, John Carter, John Grymes, John Custis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Esqrs

A Bill Entituled *an Act for Repealing the Act Entituled* An Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in His Majesties Customs *and Two other Acts to Amend and Explain and for Continuing and further Amending that Act*

Read the Second time, And the question being put

That the said Bill be read the third time

It passed in the Negative

And then the Council Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. a Clock

Friday August the 20th 1736

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill for the Greater Ease and Encouragement of Sheriffs was brought in and Read the first time &

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. a Clock

Saturday August 21st 1736

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The Council having no business before them

Adjourned till *Munday* 11. a'Clock

Munday August the 23d 1736

Present

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinson, John Carter, John Grymes, John Custis, Willm Randolph, Phil: Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Esqrs

A Bill for the greater Ease and Encouragement of Sheriffs Read the Second time

Ordered

That the said Bill be Committed for Amendmts

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. a Clock

Tuesday

Tuesday August the 24th 1736

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The House proceeded to the Consideration of the Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the Greater Ease and Encouragement of Sheriffs* and having gone through the same

Ordered

That the Bill be Engrossed

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. a 'Clock

Wednesday August the 25th 1736

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Willis* and others that they desired to know what their Honours had done with the Bill sent Up from their House Entituled *an Act for Repealing the Act Entituled* An Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in his Majesties Customs &ca

And being Withdrawn

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go to the House of Burgesses and Acquaint them in Answer to the said Message that the Council have Under Consideration the Bill Entituled *An Act for Repealing the Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in his Majesties Customs*, and Two other Acts to Amend and Explain and for Continueing and further Amending that Act, and having Read the same Twice Upon a question put for Reading it the Third time

It passed in the Negative

And the Council Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. a'Clock

Thursday August the 26th 1736

Present

AS YESTERDAY

An Engrossed Bill Entituled *an Act for the greater Ease and Encouragement of Sheriffs*, Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill do pass

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly Carry the same to the Burgesses and Desire their Concurrence thereto

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. a'Clock

Fryday August the 27th 1736

Present

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinson, John Carter, John Grymes, John Custis, William Randolph* & *Thomas Lee* Esqrs

The Council having no business before them

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. a'Clock

Saturday

Saturday Auguſt the 28th 1736

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council having no Buſineſs before them
Adjourned 'till *Munday* morning 11 a Clock

Munday Auguſt the 30th 1736

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuſtis & William Randolph* Eſqrs

The Council met and having no buſineſs before them
Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. a Clock

Tueſday Auguſt the 31ſt 1736

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuſtis & William Randolph* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* that the Burgeſſes had Paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act to prevent Cutting up Tobacco Succours*, and A Bill Entituled *An Act for continueing the* Act for Deſtroying Crows and Squirels in the *Northern Neck* and on the *Eaſtern Shoar* to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

A Bill Entituled *An Act to prevent Cutting up Tobo Succours*, Read the firſt time, & *Ordered*

To be Read the Second time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Continueing the* Act for deſtroying Crows and Squirrells in the *Northern Neck* and on the *Eaſtern Shore*. Read the firſt time & *Ordered*

To be Read a Second time

Philip Lightfoot Eſqr preſent

The Council
Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. a'Clock

Wedneſday September the 1ſt 1736

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph & Philip Lightfoot* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Corbin* that they had made Several Amendments to the Bill ſent down from the Houſe, Entituled *an Act for the greater Eaſe and Encouragment of Sheriffs*, to which Amendments they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

A Bill Entituled *an Act for preventing the Cutting up Tobacco Succours*, Read the Second time &

Committed for Amendments

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Continuing the* Act for deſtroying Crows and Squirils in the *Northern Neck* and on the *Eaſtern Shore*, Read the Second time

And the Queſtion being put that the Bill be read a third time

It paſs'd in the Negative

Adjourn'd till tomorrow 11. A Clock

Thurſday

Thurſday Septr the 2d 1736

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fitzhugh* that they had paſſed a Bill Entituled *an Act for Amending the Act Entituled* An Act for the better direction of Officers in the Sale of Goods or other things taken in Execution or Diſtrained for Rent to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

The Amendments to the Bill Entituled *an Act for preventing the Cutting up of Tobacco Succours* were Read & the ſame with an Amendment wer Agreed to

And then the Bill with the Amendments was Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments be Agreed to

A Bill Entituled *an Act for amending the Act Entituled* An Act for the better Direction of Officers in the Sale of Goods or other things taken in Execution or Diſtrained for Rent, Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

The Council proceeded to the Conſideration of the Burgeſſes Amendments to the Bill for the greater Eaſe and Encouragment of Sheriffs and Agreed to the ſame with ſome Alterations and Amendments

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the ſaid Bill with the Amendments to the Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to the Councils Amendments to their Amendmts

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11 a Clock

Friday September the 3d 1736

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Amending the Act Entituled* An Act for the better direction of Officers in the Sale of Goods or other things taken in Execution or diſtrained for Rent Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Committed for Amendments

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* that they had under their Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council to their Amendments to the Bill Entituled *an Act for the greater Eaſe and Encouragement of Sheriffs* and had agreed to all the ſaid Amendments, Alſo that the Burgeſſes had Agree'd to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill Entitul'd *An Act to prevent the Cutting up Tobacco Suckers* Except one

Reſolved

That the Council do Recede from that Amendment to which the Burgeſſes have diſagreed, And that the Clerke Endorſe Upon the ſaid Bill that the ſame is Agreed to as Amended

Ordered

That the Clerk Inſert the Amendments in the Bill Entituled *An Act for the greater Eaſe and Encouragement of Sheriffs*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Robinſon* and others that they had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Regulation of the Militia* to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

And the ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time And

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11 a Clock

Saturday

Saturday Septr the 4th 1736

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Corbin* who brought a Bill Entituled *an Act for Regulating the Fees & Accounts of the Practicers in Phifick* to which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe

Adjourned till *Munday* 11 a Clock

Munday Septr the 6th 1736

Prefent

MR COM^RY^ *BLAIR, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph & Philip Lightfoot* Efq^rs^

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry to the Burgeffes the Bill Entituled *an Act for preventing the Cutting up Tobacco Suckers* and Acquaint them that the fame is agreed to with the Amendments to which that [Houfe] has Concurred

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11 a'Clock

Tuefday Septr 7th 1736

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *an Act for the Better Regulation of the Militia,* Read the Second time &

Committed for Amendments

The Council proceeded to the Confideration of the Amendments to the Bill for the better Direction of Officers in the Sale of Goods or things taken in Execution or Diftrained for Rent and having gone through the faid Bill & Amendments

Refolved

That the fame be recommitted

A Bill Entituled *an Act for Regulating the ffees and Accounts of Practicers in* Phifick Read the Second time &

Committed for Amendments

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. A'Clock

Wednefday Septr the 8th 1736

Prefent

COLE DIGGES, *John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Efq^rs^

The Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for Regulating the ffees and Accounts of Practicers in Phifick* Read and Agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the Bill to the Burgeffes and defire their Concurrence to the faid Amendments

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Robinfon,* That the Houfe had pafs'd the Bill Entituled *an Act for the greater Eafe and Encouragement of Sheriffs* with the Amendments Agreed to by both Houfes

The Council proceeded to the Confideration of Amendments to the Bill for the better Regulation of the Militia & after fome time fpent therein

Adjourned till to Morrow 11. a'Clock

Thurfday

Thurſday Septr the 9th 1736

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Corbin* that the Burgeſſes had Agreed to the Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for Regulating the ffees and Accounts of the Practicers in Phiſick* with an Amendment of their own to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

And the ſaid Amendments being Read was Agreed to

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendment be agreed to

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. A'Clock

Fryday September the 10th 1736

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY,

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* that the Burgeſſes had paſſed A Bill Entituled *An Act for preventing perſons contracting ſmall Debts to Remove their Effects out of the County where they Reſide and Allowing A Lawyers ffee in Some Caſes upon Recovery had upon petition,* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* that they had paſs'd a Bill Entituled *an Act to declare who ſhall have A Right to Vote in the Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in the General Aſſembly for Countys and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances in order to Multiply Votes at ſuch Elections*

To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Acrill* that they had paſſed a Bill for Laying a Duty on Liquors Imported by Land and better Securing the duty on Slaves To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

And the ſaid Three Bills were Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read A Second time

The Amendments to the Bill for the Better Regulation of the Militia being Engroſs'd were Read

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſame to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence thereto

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. A Clock

Saturday Septr the 11th 1736

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *An Act to declare who ſhall have a Right to Vote in the Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in the General Aſſembly for Counties and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances in Order to Multiply Votes at ſuch Elections* Read the Second time and Committed for Amendments

A Bill Entituled *An Act for laying a Duty on Liquors Imported by Land and better Securing the Duty on Slaves* Read the Second time and Committed for Amendments

A

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Willis* that they had paſſed a Bill Entituled *an Act declaring Convict Servants to be Entituled to freedom dues* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

And the ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

Adjourned 'till *Munday* 11 AClock

Munday Sept 13th 1736

Preſent

MR COMMRY *BLAIR, John Carter, John Cuſtis, William Randolph & Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they had Agreed to Several of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Regulation of the Militia* to others had Agreed with Amendments, to One they had Diſagree'd and made an Amendment inſtead thereof and to all the reſt had diſagreed and deſired this Houſe will paſs the Bill According to the Amendments to which the Burgeſſes have Agreed.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Robinſon* and Mr *Randolph* that they had paſſed a Bill for Appointing Certain New Publick ſferrys, Settling the Rates of Several County ſferrys and Altering Several Court days And alſo A Bill Entituled *An Act for Diſſolving the Preſent Veſtry of the Pariſh of Warwick and for a New Election of Veſtrymen for the ſaid Pariſh*, To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

John Robinſon, John Grymes & Phil Lightfoot Eſqrs preſent

Then the Two laſt Mentioned Bills were Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11 a Clock

Tueſday September the 14th 1736

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY & *Cole Digges* Eſqr

A Bill Entituled *An Act for preventing perſons Contracting ſmall Debts to remove their Effects out of the County where they Reſide and for Allowing A Lawyers ſſee in ſome Caſes upon Recoverys had Upon petitions*

Read the Second time and Committed for Amendments

A Bill Entituled *An Act Declaring Convicts Entituled to freedom dues*

Read the Second time, And the queſtion being put that the ſaid Bill be Read a third time

It paſs'd in the Negative

A Bill Entituled *an Act for Appointing Certain New Publick ſferrys, Settling the Rates of Several County ſferrys and Altering Several Court days*, Read the Second time & Amendments propoſed thereto

Ordered

That the Amendments be made and Carried to the Houſe of Burgeſſes for their Concurrence

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Warwick, Read the Second time and

Ordered

To ly on the Table Until Examination of the truth of the Allegations therein Contained

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11 A Clock

Wedneſday

Wednesday Septr 15th 1736

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Acril* that the House had pass'd a Bill Entituled *An Act for Building a Bridge over* Notoway *River* To which they desire the Concurrence of this House

And the said Bill was Read the first time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for preventing persons Contracting small Debts to remove their Effects out of the County where they reside and for Allowing A Lawyers fee in some Cases upon Recoveries had Upon petitions*

Read with the Amendments

Also

A Bill Entituled *An Act for laying a Duty on Liquors Imported by land and better Securing the Duty upon Slaves and for other purposes therein Mentioned*

And

A Bill Entituled *An Act to declare who shall have a Right to Vote in the Election of Burgesses to serve in the General Assembly for Counties, and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances in Order to Multiply Votes at such Elections*

being Severally Amended & the Amendments Agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly Carry the said Bills to the Burgesses and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendments

The Council Resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Bill Entituled *An Act for Dissolving the present Vestry of the Parish of* Warwick and having heard Mr *Haynes* a Member of the House of Burgesses for the said County and Mr *Cary* in behalf of the Petitioners for the said Bill

On a motion the question was put that the said Bill be committed

It pass'd in the Negative

Resolved

That the Bill be Rejected

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11 A Clock

Thursday September 16th 1736

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill for Building a Bridge over *Nottoway* River

Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Read the third time

The Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for Amending the Act Entituled* An Act for the better Direction of Officers in the Sale of Goods taken in Execution or distrained for Rent were Agreed to And Ordered to be Sent to the Burgesses for their Concurrence.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Appointing Certain New Publick ferrys, Settling the Rates of Several County ferrys and Altering Several Court days*

being Amended and the same was Read

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Bill to the Burgesses and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendments

A

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Building a Bridge over* Nottoway *River*, Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill be Agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Bill to the Burgesses and Acquaint them that the Council have Agreed thereto without any Amendments

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Robinson* that the House had taken under their Consideration the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Regulation of the Militia and had agreed to divers of those Amendments* to which they had formerly disagreed and to others they Insist on their disagreement and desire a Conferrence with this House on the Subject Matter of those Amendments and that they had Appointed Eight of their Members to Manage the said Conferrence

Also

That the Burgesses had passed a Bill Entituled *an Act for the better Regulation of the Office of Surveyors of Land and Directing them in their Duty* To which they desire the Concurrence of this House

Resolved

That this House do Agree to the Conferrence desired by the Burgesses on the Subject Matter of the Amendmts to the Bill for the Better Regulation of the Militia

Ordered

That *John Robinson John Carter John Grymes* and *Thomas Lee* Esqrs be Appointed to manage the said Conferrence

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly do Acquaint the Burgesses that the Council do Agree to the said Conferrence

Then the Managers went to the Conferrence and being returned

John Robinson Esqr Reported that they had met the Managers for the Burgesses who delivered to them a Paper Containing Reasons for their Disagreement to the Amendments proposed by this House Which paper he delivered in at the Table where the same was Read and Upon Consideration of the four first Amendments to which the Burgesses have disagreed the same upon the question Severally put were Receded from

Then the question being put that this House do Insist on their last Amendments to which the Burgesses have disagree'd

Resolved in the Affirmitive

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go to the House of Burgesses and desire A Conference on the Subject Matter of the last Conferrence

Then the Managers went to the Conferrence and being Returned Reported that they had insisted on their last Amendment and had left the Bill and Amendments with the Burgesses

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Fitzhugh* that the House had pass'd A Bill Entituled *an Act for Confirming and better Securing the Titles to Lands in the* Northern Neck *held Under the Right Honourable* Thomas *Lord* Fairfax *Baron of* Cameron *in that part of* Great Britain *called* Scotland, To which they desire the Concurrence of this House

And the said Bill was Read the first time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Reddick* that they had passed a Bill for the Relief of Certain persons who were Suffers [Sufferers] in the Loss of the Records of the County of *Nansemond* to which they desire the Concurrence of this House

And

And the ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

A Bill Entituled *an Act for the better Regulation of the Office of Surveyors of Land and directing them in their Duty*

Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Confirming and better Securing the Titles to Lands in the* Northern Neck *held under the Right Honourable* Thomas *Lord* Fairfax *Baron of* Cameron *in that part of* great Britain *called* Scotland

Read the ſecond time and

Committed for Amendments

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the Relief of Certain perſons who were Sufferers in the Loſs of the Records of the County of* Nanſemond

Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Read a third time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Robinſon* that the Burgeſſes could not agree to the laſt Amendment propoſed by their Honours to the Bill for the better Regulation of the Militia for the Reaſons given at the Conferrence and Ordered him to leave the Bill with their Honours to do therewith what they pleaſed

Reſolved

That the Reaſons given by the Burgeſſes for their diſagreement to the ſaid Amendment are Trifling & frivolous

Reſolved

That this Houſe doth Adhere to the ſaid Amendment

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Corbin* that the Houſe had agreed to two of the Amendments and diſagreed to Two others to the Bill for Appointing Certain New fferrys, Setling the Rates of Several County fferrys And altering Several Court days

Reſolved

That the Council do not Inſiſt on thoſe Amendmts to which the Burgeſſes have diſagreed

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Regulation of the Office of Surveyors or* [*of Land and directing them in their duty*

Read the Second time &

Committed for Amendments

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11 A Clock

Fryday September the 17th 1736

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY Except

Coll *Robinſon* & Coll *Lee*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Acril* that they had paſs'd A Bill Entituled *An Act to Amend the Law in Relation to the Tryal of Slaves Committing Capitol Crymes* to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

And the ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

A Bill Entituled *an Act for the Relief of Certain Perſons who were Sufferers by the Loſs of the Records of* Nanſemond *County*

Read the third time

Reſolved

Refolved that the faid Bill be Agreed to

A Bill for the better Regulation of the Office of Surveyors of Lands and directing them in their Duty

Read and agreed to with the Amendments

A Bill for Confirming and better Securing the Titles to Lands in the *Northern Neck* held Under the Right Honourable *Thomas* Lord *Fairfax* Baron of *Cameron* in that part of *great Britain* called *Scotland*

Read the Third time with the Amendments

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the faid Several Amended Bills to the Burgeffes and defire their Concurrence to the faid Amendments

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Robinfon* and others that the Houfe had paffed a Bill for the beter Regulating and Collecting of Certain Officers ffees and other purpofes therein Mentioned to which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe

And the faid Bill was Read the firft time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

The fame Bill was again Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Read the Third time

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Blair* that they had paffed a Bill for further Amending *the Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco and preventing frauds in his Majefties Cuftoms* to which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe

And the faid Bill was Read the firft time &

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

A Bill Entituled *an Act for the Better Regulating and Collecting Certain Officers ffees and other purpofes therein Mentioned*

Read the Third time

Refolved

That the Bill be Agreed to

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Acril* that they had paffed a Bill Entituled *An Act for docking the Entail of Certain Lands whereof* Lewis Burwell *Efqr is Seifed and for Setling other Lands and Slaves of greater Vallue to the fame Ufes*

And the faid Bill was Read the firft time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Corbin* that they had to [confidered] the Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for laying A Duty on Liquors Imported by Land* and had Agreed to the Amendments with fome Amendments of their own and defire their Honours to pafs the Bill as Amended

And the faid Bill with the Amendments being Read was agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the Agreed Bills to the Burgeffes

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Conway* that they had Agreed to Two of the Councils Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act to declare who fhall have a right to vote in the Election of Burgeffes to ferve in the General Affembly for Counties and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances in Order to Multiply Votes at fuch Elections* and to the Others had difagreed

And

And then the Bill with the Amendments being Read

Refolved

That the fame be Agreed to According to the Amendments in which the Burgeffes have Concurred

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the faid Bill to the Burgeffes

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. a'Clock

Saturday September the 18th 1736

Prefent

MR COMMRY *BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Carter, John Cuftis, William Randolph & Philip Lightfoot* Efqrs

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Fitzhugh* that they had had Under their Confideration the Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for Amending the Act Entituled* an Act for the better Direction of Officers in the Sale of Goods taken in Execution or diftrained for Rent and for the better preventing the fraudulent practices of Tenants

That to fome they had Agreed to others had Agreed with Amendments and to others had difagreed

Then the Amendments propofed by the Burgeffes being Confidered the faid Bill with the Amendments was Read and Agreed to as Amended

A Bill Entituled *An Act to Dock the Entail of Certain Lands Whereof* Lewis Burwell *Efqr is Seifed and for Setling other Lands and Slaves of greater Vallue to the fame Ufes*

Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Read the third time

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *McCarty* that they had Agreed to the Amendments to the Bill for preventing perfons Contracting fmall Debts to Remove their Effects out of the County where they Refide and for Allowing a Lawyers ffee in fome Cafes Upon Recoveries had upon Petitions

And the faid Bill with the Amendments being Read was agreed to

A Bill for further Amending the *Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in his Majefties Cuftoms* was Read with the Amendments &

Ordered

To be carried to the Burgeffes and their Concurrence defired to the faid Amendments

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Lyde* that they had pafs'd a Bill Entituled *An Act to Enable the Veftrys of* St Johns *Parifh in the County of* King William *and the parifh of* Warwick *in the County of* Warwick *to Sell Several parcells of Glebe Lands therein Mentioned and to purchafe better and more Convenient Glebes in Lieu thereof* To which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe &

The faid Bill was Read the firft time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

A Meffage by Mr *Digges* from the Burgeffes that they had pafs'd A Bill to prevent the Retailing of Strong Liquors in the Town of *York* in fmall Quantaties, To which they defire the Councils Concurrence And the faid Bill was Read the firft time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Allen* that they had paffed *An Act for Selling Lands with A Water Mill & Slaves of the Eftate of* Jofeph Allen *Gent Deceafed for the payment of his Debts* To which they defire the Councils Concurrence

And

And the ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fitzhugh* that they had Agreed to the Amendments to the Bill Entituled *an Act for Confirming and better Securing the Titles to Lands held Under the Right Hon*ble Thomas *Lord* Fairfax *Baron of* Cameron *in that part of* Great Britain *Called* Scotland with an Amendment of their own To which they deſire the Councils Concurrence

And the ſaid Amendment of the Burgeſſes being Conſidered the Bill with the Amendments were agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Council have Agreed to the ſaid Bill as Amended

A Bill Entituled *An Act to prevent the Retailing of Strong Liquors in* York *Town in Small Quantitys* Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Read the third time

A Bill Entituled *An Act to Impower the Veſtrys of the Pariſh of* St John *in the County of* King William *and the pariſh of* Warwick *in the County of* Warwick *to sell ſeveral parcels of Glebe Land therein Mentioned and to purchaſe better and more Convenient Glebes in Lieu thereof*, Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Read the third time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Selling Certain Lands with a Watermill and Slaves of the Eſtate of* Joſeph Allen *Gent Decd for the payment of his Debts*

Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Read the Third time

A Bill Entituled *An Act to Amend the Law in Relation to the Tryal of Slaves Committing Capitol Crimes*

Read the Second time, And the queſtion being put that it be Read a third time

It paſs'd in the Negative

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be Rejected

A Bill Entituled *An Act to prevent the Retailing of Strong Liquors in the Town of* York *in ſmall quantities* Read the third time

And agreed to

A Bill Entituled *an Act to Impower the Veſtrys of the Pariſh of* St John *in the County of* King William *and the pariſh of* Warwick *in the County of* Warwick *to Sell Several parcels of Glebe Land therein Mentioned and to purchaſe better and more Convenient Glebes*

Read the third time and Agreed to

And A Bill Entituled *An Act for Selling certain Lands with a Watermill and Slaves of the Eſtate of* Joſeph Allen *Gent decd for the payment of his Debts*

Read

The Third time and Agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly do carry the ſaid Three Bills to the Burgeſſes & Acquaint them therewith

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* that the Houſe had Diſagreed to One of the Amendments to the Bill for the better Regulation of the Office of Surveyors of Land and Directing them in their duty and to the reſt agreed and deſired that the Council will paſs the Bill without that Amendment

Reſolved

That the Council do not Inſiſt on this Amendment and that the Bill be Agreed [to] as Amended

Adjourned 'till *Munday* 11. a'Clock

Munday

Munday Septr the 20th 1736

Prefent

MR COM^RY^ *BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Carter, John Cuftis, William Randolph & Philip Lightfoot* Efq^rs^

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Conway* that the Houfe had disagreed to One of the Councils Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for Amending the Act Entitled* an Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in his Majefties Cuftoms and had Agreed to the other Amendments and defired their Honours would pafs the Bill without the Amendments to which they have difagreed

Refolved

That the Council do not Infift on the Amendments to which the Burgeffes have Difagreed

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go to the Houfe of Burgeffes and Acquaint them therewith

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Randolph* that they had made an Amendment to the Councils Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Regulation of the Office of Surveyors of Lands and Directing them in their Duty* To which they defire their Honours Concurrence

And the faid Amendment being Read was Agreed to and the Bill as Amended being Read a Third time

Refolved

That the Bill as Amended be agreed to

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11. a'Clock

Tuefday Septr 21^ft^ 1736

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Blair* that the Burgeffes had paffed the Book of Claims and alfo the following Bills Viz^t^

A Bill Entituled *An Act for obliging Apprentices to ferve the time they fhall be bound for by Indentures notwithftanding their Infancy*

A Bill Entituled *an Act for the Relief of divers of the Inhabitants of the parifhes of* Raleigh *and* Dale, &

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Confirming the Charter of the Borrough of* Norfolk *and for Enlarging the Jurifdiction of the Court of Huftings in the City of* Williamfburgh To which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Corbin* that their Houfe had paff'd a Bill Entituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes their Wages in Money for this prefent Seffion of Affembly* to which they defire the Councils Concurrence

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Obliging Apprentices to Serve the time they fhall be bound for by Indenture notwithftanding their Infancy*

And alfo

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the Relief of divers of the Inhabitants of the parifhes of* Raleigh & Dale

Read the firft time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Conway* that they had paffed a Bill Entituled *An Act for Leffening the Allowance to Witneffes in the County Courts and altering the method*

method of providing for the Paſſage of the Eaſtern Shoar *Burgeſſes to and from the General Aſſembly* To which they deſire the Councils Concurrence

A Bill Entituled *An Act to Confirm the Charter of the Borrough of* Norfolk *And for Enlarging the Juriſdiction of the Court of Huſtings in the City of* Williamſbourgh

Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Blair* that they had paſs'd A Bill for making Reparation for the Tobacco Burnt in *Grays* Creek Warehouſe

To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

A Bill Entituled *An Act for paying the Wages of the Burgeſſes in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*

Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for leſſening the Allowances to Witneſſes in the County Courts and Altering the Method of providing for the paſſage of the* Eaſtern Shoar *Burgeſſes to and from the General Aſſembly*

Read the firſt time &

Ordered

A Second Reading

A Bill Entituled *an Act for making Reparation for the Tobacco lately burnt in* Grays *Creek Warehouſe*

Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

The Book of Claims being Read and Agreed to

Ordered

To be Returned to the Houſe of Burgeſſes

A Bill Entituled *An Act for paying the Wages of the Burgeſſes in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Leſſening the Allowance to Witneſſes in the County Courts and altering the Method of providing for the Paſſage of the* Eaſtern Shoar *Burgeſſes to and from the General Aſſembly*, & alſo

A Bill Entituled *An Act for making Reparation for the Tobacco lately burnt in* Grays *Creek Warehouſe*

Read the third time & Severally Agreed to &

Ordered

To be returned to the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11 a Clock

Wedneſday September the 22d 1736

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council having no buſineſs before them

Adjourned 'till to Morrow 11 a Clock

Thurſday Septr 23d 1736

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Robinſon* that they had prepared an Humble Addreſs to His Majeſty wherein they deſire the Council to joyn, And alſo broght the Enroll'd Bills to be Examined by their Honours

Then the Council having Read the ſaid Addreſs

Reſolved

Refolved

That the Council do Agree to join in the faid Addrefs.

Ordered

That the faid Addrefs be Signed by Mr *Commiffary* as Prefident and the fame was Signed Accordingly and is as follows

To the Kings moft Excellent Majefty

The Humble Addrefs of the Council, & Houfe of Burgeffes of *Virginia*

We your Majeftys moft dutifull . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 314.]

The Council having perufed the Enroled Bills and finding them truly Enrolled

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly Return the Enrolled Bills and Acquaint the Burgeffes that this Houfe is Satisfied the fame is truly Enrolled

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Conway* who brought the Book of propofitions [Proportions] of the Publick levy And a Bill Entituled *An Act for Raifing A Publick Levy and for other purpofes therein Mentioned* to which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Raifing a publick Levy and for other purpofes therein Mentioned*

Read the firft time &

Ordered

To be Read A Second time

The Book of proportions Read over and Agreed to

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Raifing a Publick Levy and other purpofes therein Mentioned*

Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Read the Third time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Raifing a publick Levy and other purpofes therein mentioned*

Read the third time

Refolved

That the Bill do pafs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the fame to the Houfe of Burgeffes together with the Book of proportions of the Publick Levy and Acquaint them that the Council have Agreed to both without any Amendment.

The Council taking into Confideration the Unprecedented method taken by the Burgeffes in Caufing to be printed and publifhed amongft their Votes a Paper delivered to the Council at a Conferrence as their Reafons for difagreeing to the Councils Amendments to the Bill for the Better Regulation of the Militia and perceiving the defign of this publication to be an Appeal to the People, and an Endeavour to throw the blame of the Mifcarriage of that Bill Solely on the Council think fitt for their own Vindication to Enter the following Declaration on their Journal to fet that Matter in it's true light

The Council were Senfible that a better Regulation of Militia was Neceffary, and it was with great Satisfaction, they Underftood the Burgeffes (in purfuance of the Governors Recommendation in his Speech) had Refolved on a Bill, for that purpofe, But after fome Weeks fpent in Modeling it, when it was fent up to the Council it Appeared, That Except the Tax, for furnifhing the poorer Inhabitants with Arms, there was Very little in it, but what was better provided for by the Laws then Subfifting, It is Evident that it was founded on a Levelling principle, to deprefs the Authority of the Commanding Officers of the Militia, Even fo far as to Reftrain the Captains from Exercifing the Neceffary Difcipline, without the Confent of the Subalterns, It alfo Appeared, that fome of the moft Effential, and Ufefull Claufes, in the prefent Act, were Either quite Omitted, or Altered for the Worfe, One Inftance among many was, That a Trooper might Exempt himfelf

himſelf from Service, even in times of Invaſion or Inſurrection, for the Trifling fine of five Shillings, And a foot Soldier for half that Sum,

Theſe and other Glaring Defects in that Bill, the Council Atempted to Rectify, by propoſing Such Amendments, as they thought Unexceptionable, And as the Circumſtances of the Caſe Required, theſe Amendments were Indeed many and Various, as it was Neceſſary they ſhould be, The Burgeſſes have judged them ſo, by Agreeing to Divers of them, on the firſt Reading, and to Others upon the Councils Inſiſting on them, but whether they Changed their Opinion, or not, in the points they Yielded up, The Council Submitt to the Common Judgment of Mankind, if they are not more Expedient, and proper, towards, makeing the Bill better than it was in it's firſt Modell

As to the five points left in diſpute, And on which the Burgeſſes Offered their Reaſons for their Diſagreement with the Council, As ſoon as the Burgeſſes Arguments came to be Conſidered, the Council found Reaſon to Suſpect they had Contrived them on purpoſe to Rid themſelves of the Tax, of Six pence ℔ head on Negroes, Their zeal for that was now ſo much abated, that they Seem'd plainly to Repent of their Generoſity, in Taxing themſelves, But the Council deſirous to hold them to it, Receded from their Amendment Relateing thereto, as they did likewiſe from Three others, with which the Burgeſſes ſeem'd Diſſatisfied, And this they did not from any force in their Reaſoning, but to Avoid Engaging in A Controverſy which might Endanger the Loſs of the Bill, ſince the Burgeſſes had poſitively declared, that tho' One of the points in debate, was of no weight, Yet they would not Recede from it.

When the Council came to Conſider the Reaſons Offered by the Burgeſſes, for Diſagreeing to the fifth point in diſpute, they were not a little Surprized and had ſome ground to hope, That they might Upon Second thoughts, Agree not to Inſiſt upon them, But the Burgeſſes, determining to purſue their deſign, The Council could by no means Suffer themſelves to be Convinced by Arguments, which Anſwered themſelves, and did ſo little Honour to thoſe who Advanced them, They were therefore Obliged to Adhere to their Amendment and lay the Miſcariage of the Bill at the Door of the Burgeſſes, However ſince that Houſe has been pleaſ'd, to Expoſe their Reaſons, by printing them, The Council think themſelves obliged in their own defence to ſay ſomthing to ſome of the moſt Remarkable of them—

Firſt then, the Burgeſſes own themſelves Convinc'd, that frequent Exerciſing, will train men, and make them more fit for Service in leſs time, then probably can be Expected from the Bill as it then Stood, Yet almoſt in the ſame breath, They Inſiſt Rather upon Muſtering them five, then Thirteen times a Year, This is the force of this Argument, when diſentangled from the perplexity of Circumlocution

In the next place they Acknowledge the Captains have A power given them by the Bill of Calling the people oft'ner to Muſter than five times a Year, and doubt not but they will be Obeyed, If then the men are ſo well affected to frequent Muſters, Where's the hardſhip of Obliging them to it by Law,

Then the Burgeſſes would Appear tender of the peoples Intereſt by their Unwillingneſs to Expoſe them to heavy fines, This would be Exceeding kind, But Unluckily they forgot, that a foot Soldier who ſhould abſent himſelf from the Thirteen Muſters Recommended by the Councils Amendment, would come much Cheaper off, then he doth at preſent by Defaulting only five times, So that after all their Intended Goodneſs to the poor Freeholders, can have Nothing in it but A View to ſome future Election

Laſtly, As to that Military Poſition That the Training the greater part, will be as Uſefull, as training the Whole, It requires no other Anſwer, but only to dignify it in Italick Characters, as ſomething very Remarkable and Surprizing,

Indeed, all the Reaſoning in that Elaborate performance of the Burgeſſes, ſeems to depend on that kind of Logick, which proves juſt the Contrary of what is Inſiſted Upon,

There ſeems to be one ffact taken for Granted by the Burgeſſes, which for their Honour 'tis hoped muſt be a miſtake, They roundly Aſſert, that Muſters have in a great meaſure been diſcontinued for Fifteen years paſt, If that were true, it muſt Reflect

flect Very much on the Gentlemen of that Houſe, becauſe they have moſt of them Military Commiſſions and ought to have been more diligent in puting the Laws in Execution, but the Caſe is not quite ſo bad as theſe Gentlemen would make it, becauſe in Several Counties the Officers have done their duty, & the people have been Exerciſed very regularly And they muſt be put in mind too, that for theſe laſt Eight Years paſt, there has been An Adjutant, whoſe duty it has been to Train the Men in Every County by Turns and make them fit for Service, ſo that this Aſſertion proves nothing, but that ſome Officers, (whom the Burgeſſes beſt know) have been very Negligent

Upon the whole Matter, 'tis Realy Very Miſterious, why the Burgeſſes Should Chooſe Rather to Looſe a Bill in the framing of which they had ſpent great part of the Seſſion, then allow the Council to make this One Amendment, ſo Neceſſary, for Inſtructing the poorer Inhabitants in the Exerciſe, and making Uſefull, in their hands, thoſe Arms which were to be furniſhed them by the Tax, Impos'd by this Bill, Unleſs they were ſincerely perſuaded, of the Truth of that quaint Concluſion, which they make Uſe of as a parting blow, That the Bill as they would have it, was in moſt points Agreeable to the preſent Law which in their opinion is Confeſſedly Uſeleſs

Preſent The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Governor Commands their Immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber with ſuch Bills as are Ready for his Aſſent

The Burgeſſes Accordingly Attending The Governor was pleaſ'd to give his Aſſent to the following Bills

[For the 25 enumerated acts, ſee J. of H. of B., pp. 315 and 316.]

Then Mr *Speaker* preſented the Addreſs of the Council and Burgeſſes to his Majeſty, deſiring the Governor in behalf of both Houſes of this Aſſembly that he would Tranſmit the ſame to *Great Britain* and procure it to be preſented to His Majeſty, And that he would alſo be pleas'd to lay before the Right Honourable the Lords Commisſioners for Trade and Plantations the Laſt Article of the Addreſs, and pray their Lordſhips Interceſſion for Obtaining their petition therein

To which the Governor Anſwered, That he would take particular Care of that Matter, And then his Honour was pleaſed to make the following Speech

*Gentlemen of the Council, M^r^* Speaker *& Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

The Regard you have Shewed . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 316.]

Ex^d^

Wil Robertſon Cl Gen Aſſ^ly^

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to meet at the Capitol the firſt day of *Auguſt* 1735 and from thence Continued by Sundry prorogations to the firſt day of *November* 1738 in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second by the Grace of God of *Great Britain France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the faith &ca.

Being the Second Seſſion of this General Aſſembly.

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[*Wedneſday November* 1ſt, 1738]

Preſent

THE HONBLE *William Gooch* Eſqr His Majeſties Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of this Dominion, *James Blair* Commiſſary of the Lord Biſhop of *Londo*, *Cole Digges*, *John Robinſon*, *John Carter*, *John Grymes*, *Willm Randolph*, *John Tayloe*, *Philip Lightfoot* & *Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them, That the Governor Commands their Immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber

The Burgeſſes Accordingly Attending

The Governor was pleaſed to ſay he was Sorry for the Occaſion which Obliged him to Recommend to them to return to their Houſe and make Choice of a Speaker and that they preſent him here to Morrow morning at Eleven A Clock

And then the Burgeſſes withdrew

And the Council Adjourned 'till 11 a Clock to Morrow Morning—

Thurſday November 2d 1738

Preſent

THE Governor, *Cole Digges*, *Jno Robinſon*, *Jno Carter*, *Jno Grymes*, *Jno Cuſtis*, *Willm Randolph*, *Jno Tayloe*, *Philip Lightfoot* & *Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

The Houſe of Burgeſſes Attended the Governor and preſented *John Robinſon* junr Eſqr Member for the County of *King* and *Queen* for their Speaker who being Accordingly Approved by the Governor

Addreſſed himſelf to the Governor, That the Burgeſſes may be Secured in their perſons and Eſtates from Arreſts and other diſturbances, That they may Enjoy freedom of Speech and Debate in their Houſe and A power over their Own Members, And Laſtly that none of his failings or Miſtakes may be Imputed to the Houſe

All which priveledges the Governor was pleaſed to grant

And then made the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

As the happineſs of the people . . . . [See J. of H. of B. 1727-1740. pp. 320-321.]

Reſolved

That an Humble Addreſs be preſented to the Governor to Return him the thanks of this Houſe for his Speech and to Aſſure him of a hearty Concurrence in all the Meaſures which ſhall be propoſed for the happineſs and Safety of the Colony, and a Committee was Appointed to prepare and bring in the ſame

And then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

Friday

Fryday Novr 3^d 1738

Prefent

MR COM^RY *BLAIR, Cole Digges, Jno Robinfon, Jno Carter, Jno Grymes, Jno Cuftis, Wil^m Randolph, Jno Tayloe, Phil Lightfoot,* & *Thos Lee* Efq^rs

John Tayloe Efq^r from the Committee Appointed to prepare an Addrefs to the Governor Reported, That they had Accordingly prepared the Same which he delivered in at the Table where it was Agreed to

Ordered

That the Addrefs be fairly Tranfcribed

Ordered

That the Committee who prepared the faid Addrefs Wait on the Governor to know when he will be Attended with the fame

And then the Council Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

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Saturday Novr 4th 1738

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

John Tayloe Efq^r Reported that the Committee Appointed Yefterday had Waited on the Governor and that his Honour had been pleafed to Appoint this day at One A Clock in the Council Chamber to Receive the Addrefs of this Houfe

The Governor prefent

Mr Commiffary *Blair* prefented the Addrefs to the Governour as follows

We His Majefties moft dutifull and Loyal Subjects the Council of this His Colony and Dominion now met in General Affembly beg leave to return your Honour out [our] moft Sincere thanks for Your Affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Seffion

It is with Equal pleafure and Gratitude that we Obferve your Continued Zeal for promoteing the General profperity of the people Under Your Government and are truely Senfible how much it is our Duty to Concur with your Honour in all Neceffary Means for Continuing and Eftablifhing that Righteous and Equal Regulation of our Commerce, by which the Reputation and Vallue of our Staple hath been Encreafed beyond that of our Neighbours

We are grately affected with the Misfortunes of the people fetled beyond the great Ridge of Mountains Expofed to the Cruel Incurfions of the Indians, and fince your Repeated Endeavours for Securing the Quiet of our Inhabitants by Negotiating A peace between the Barbarous Nations by whom they are Continually harrafs'd have proved Ineffectual, We fhall be Ready to joyn in all proper Meafures for their future Safety and the Extention of His Majefties Dominions on that frontere

It remains *Sir*, That we return you our gratefull Acknowledgments for Your Zealous recommendation of the Act paffed laft Seffion for Continuing and better Securing the Titles to Lands in the *Northern Neck* whereby it hath Received fo favourable a Report from the Lords Commiffioners of Trade and the Committee of His Majefties Moft Honble Privy Council, and we hope will foon Receive His Majefties Royal Approbation, as this frefh Inftance of your tender Regard for the quiet of the people in that part of Your Government, cannot but Endear Your Conduct towards them, So we hope it will ever be remembered amongft the Many other Bleffings derived to this Colony Under your prudent and juft Adminiftration

To which the Governor was pleafed to give the following Anfwer

Gentlemen

It is with great Satisfaction I receive this Obligeing Addrefs, And I heartily thank you for the many kind Expreffions of Your Regard to my Adminiftration

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The Affectionate Affurance of your ready Concurrence in the Meafures propofed for the Service of the publick gives me the greateft Encouragment to hope that Affifted by A Council, Zealous for the Honour of our Sovereign & the Real Intereft of *Virginia*, Our Trade will be Continued on the Solid Bafis of Juftice, whereby an Advantageous Commerce for our Mother Country and the profperity of this can be Eftablifhed

A Petition of the Subfcribers Inhabitants of *Sherrando Opeckon* and *Cohongorooton*

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Beverly Mannour*

A Petition of the Upper Inhabitants of *Sherrando* &

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Maffanotting* were Severally read and Referred to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes

Adjourned 'till *Munday* 11 a Clock

Munday Novr 6th 1738

Prefent

THE Governor, Mr Com^ry *Blair, Jno Robinfon, Jno Carter, Jno Grymes, John Cuftis, Wil^m Randolph, Jno Tayloe, Phil Lightfoot & Thos Lee* Efq^rs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go to the Houfe of Burgeffes and Acquaint them that the Governor is Ready in the Council Chamber to Receive their Addrefs

The Houfe of Burgeffes Attending Mr *Speaker* read and prefented the following Addrefs

Sir

We his Majefties moft dutifull . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 324-325.]

Then the Governor made the following Anfwer

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houfe of Burgeffes*

I thank you for this very kind Addrefs . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 326.]

Sundry Petitions and propofitions of the Inhabitants of *Spotfylvania* were Read and

Referred to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes

And then the Council Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11. a Clock

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Tuefday Novr 7th 1738

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A propofition from the County of *King George* for fixing A Warehoufe at *Proctors* in the faid County Read & Referred to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes

And then the Council Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11. a Clock

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Wednefday Novr 8th 1738

Prefent

MR COM^RY *BLAIR, Jno Robinfon, Jno Carter, Jno Grymes, Jno Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Efq^rs

The Council met and

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

Thurfday Novr 9th 1738

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council met and

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

Friday

Fryday Novr 10th 1738

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY
The Council met and having no bufinefs before them
Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

Saturday Novr 11th 1738

Prefent

MR COM^RY *BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Cuftis, Wm Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, & Thomas Lee* Efq^rs
The Council met
And Adjourned 'till 11 a Clock on *Munday* next

Munday Novr 13th 1738

Prefent

MR COM^RY *BLAIR, Cole Digges, Jno Robinfon, Jno Carter, Jno Cuftis, Wil^m Byrd, Wm Randolph, Jno Tayloe & Thos Lee* Efq^rs
There being no bufinefs before the Council
They Adjourned 'till 11 A Clock to morrow Morning

Tuefday Novr 14th 1738

Prefent

THE Governor, Mr Com^ry *Blair, William Byrd, Cole Digges, Jno Robinfon, Jno Carter, John Cuftis, Wm Randolph, John Tayloe & Thomas Lee* Efq^rs
A Petition of Divers Inhabitants of *Hannofer* County fetting forth the Inconveniencies they labour Under by Reafon of the large Extent thereof Weftward and praying a Divifion of the faid County, was Read

Ordered
That the Confideration of the faid Petition be Referred to the Houfe of Burgeffes
And the Council Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

Wednefday November 15th 1738

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

Refolved
That a Bill be prepared for punifhing Servants for breach of Truft and Embezelling of Goods Committed to their Charge
Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

Thurfday November 16th 1738

Prefent

MR COM^RY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Phil Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Efq^rs
A Petition of Sundry Merchants and Factors whofe names are Subfcribed praying that the Act prefcribing the Method for proving Book Debts may be Amended was read

Ordered
That the faid petition lye upon the Table
Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

Fryday

Fryday Novr 17th 1738

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

The Council having no Bufinefs

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

Saturday November 18th 1738

Prefent

MR COM^RY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Efq^rs

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Corbin* that the Houfe had paffed a Bill for Reviveing the Act makeing provifion againft Invafions and Infurrections to which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Fitzhugh* that they had paffed a Bill for Allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of *Frederickfburgh*

A Bill Entituled *an Act for Reviveing the* Act for makeing more Effectual provifion againft Invafions and Infurrections &

A Bill Entituled *an Act Allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Frederickfburgh

Were Severally read the firft time &

Ordered

To be read a Second time

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Conway* that they had paffed A Bill Entituled *An Act for Amending the* Act Concerning Tithables to which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe

And the faid Bill was Read the firft time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

Adjourned 'till *Munday* Morning 11 a Clock

Munday Novr 20th 1738

Prefent

MR COM^RY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Jno Robinfon, Jno Carter, Jno Grymes, Jno Cuftis, Wm Randolph, John Tayloe, Phil Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Efq^rs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Reviveing the* Act for the making more Effectual provifion againt Invafions and Infurrections Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Read a third time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Amending the Act Entituled* An Act concerning Tithables Read the Second time

Ordered

That the faid Bill be Committed for Amendments

A Bill Entituled *an Act for Allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Frederickfburgh Read the fecond time

Ordered

That the faid Bill be Committed for Amendments

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11. a Clock

Tuefday Novr 21ft 1738

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY & *Cole Digges* Efq^r

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of *Prince George* County and *Charles City* County for a Ferry from Mr *Blands* landing to Mr *Anderfons*, was Read

Ordered

That the faid Petition be referred to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgeffes

A Bill Entituled *an Act for Reviveing the* Act for makeing more Effectual provision againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill be Agreed to

A Petition of the Church Wardens and Veſtry of *St Paules* pariſh praying leave to Sell Two Small Tracts of Land to purchaſe A more Convenient Tract for A Glebe, Read &

Referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

Wedneſday Novr 22^d 1738

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *an Act for Amending the* Act Concerning Tithables Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill as Amended be Agreed to

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Allowing Fairs to be kept in the town of* Federickſburgh, Read the Third time with the Amendments and Agreed to

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney General* that they had paſſed A Bill Entituled *An Act for Altering the Method of Tryal of Certain Criminals therein Mentioned* to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe And

The ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

The Governor Preſent

Ordered

That the following Meſſage be ſent to the Burgeſſes

Mr Speaker *& Gentlemen of the houſe of Burgeſſes*

Mr *John Tennent*, who . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 348-9.]

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

Thurſday Novr 23^d 1738

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY Except Co^ll *Lightfoot*

A Bill Entituled *an Act for Altering the Method of Trial of Certain Criminals therein Mentioned*—Read the Second time

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Read the third time

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

Friday Novr 24th 1738

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fitzhugh* that they had Agreed to the Amendments of their Hon^rs to the Bill Entituled *An Act for Allowing Fairs to be kept at the Town of* Frederickſburgh

Ordered

That the Clerk Endorſe the ſaid Bill that it is agreed to as Amended

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Altering the Method of Trial of Certain Criminals therein Mentioned*, Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill be Agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk Carry the said Bill to the Burgesses and Acquaint them therewith

Adjourned 'til to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

Saturday Novr 25th 1738

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The Council met and having no business before them

Adjourned 'till *Munday* Morning 11 A Clock

Munday Novr 27th 1738

Present

MR COM^RY *BLAIR, John Robinson, John Carter, John Grymes, John Custis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Phil Lightfoot* & *Thomas Lee* Esq^rs

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Carter* and Others that they had passed A Bill for the better Regulation of the Militia to Which they desire the Concurrence of this House

And the said Bill was Read the first time &

Ordered

To be Read A Second time

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

Tuesday Novr 28th 1738

Present

WILLIAM BYRD, John Robinson, John Carter, John Grymes, John Custis, Wm Randolph, John Tayloe, Phil Lightfoot & *Thomas Lee* Esq^rs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the Better Regulation of the Militia*, Read the second time

Ordered

That the said Bill be Committed for Amendments to A Committee of the whole House

Ordered

That the Council do now Resolve into such Committee to Consider of the said Amendments

And having Spent some time therein

Resolved

That the further Consideration of the said Amendments be Referred 'till to Morrow

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

Wednesday Novr 29th 1738

Present

MR COMMISSARY & the Council

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Conway* that they had Agreed to One and Disagreed to all the Rest of the Councils Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for Amending the* Act Concerning Tithables and desire the Council to Agree to the Bill without those Amendments

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The Council proceeded on the Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Regulation of the Militia* and having gone through the ſame

Ordered

That the Bill with the Amendments be read a third time

The Council having Conſidered their Amendments diſagreed to by the Burgeſſes to the Bill Entituled *an Act for Amending the* Act Concerning Tithables and the queſtion being put that the Council do Recede from thoſe Amendments

It paſſed in the Affirmative

Ordered

That the Clerk carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Council do Receed from ſuch of the Amendments as are diſagreed [to] by that Houſe and have Agreed to the Bill as Amended

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

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*Thurſday Nov*r 30th 1738

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Willis* that they had paſſed A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better preſervation of Glebe Lands and for other purpoſes therein mentioned* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

And the ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

Fryday December the 1ſt 1738

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better preſervation of Glebe Lands and for other purpoſes therein Mentioned*

Read the Second time

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Committed for Amendments

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Corbin* that they had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Regulateing and Collecting Certain Officers ffees and other purpoſes therein Mentioned* To which they deſire the Councils Concurrence

And the ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

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*Saturday Dec*r 2d 1738

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY except the Secretary

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Regulation of the Militia* with the Amendments

Read the Third time

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments be Agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Regulating and Collecting certain officers ffees and for other purpoſes therein Mentioned* Read the Second time

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Committed for Amendments

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Richd Randolph* that they had paſſed A Bill Entituled *an Act to Reſtrain Sheriffs and other Officers from Makeing Unreaſonable Seizures and diſtreſſes and for other purpoſes therein mentioned* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

And the ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read a ſecond time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney General* that they had paſſed A Bill Entituled *An Act for Continuing and Amending an Act Entituled* an Act for laying a Duty on Liquors and alſo a Bill Intituled *An Act to Enable* Ralph Wormely *Eſqr to Sell and diſpoſe of Certain Entailed Lands to Raiſe Money for the payment of his Sifters portions and performance of his Fathers Will*

And the ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

Adjourned 'till *Munday* Morning 11 A Clock

Munday Decr 4th 1738

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, John Robinſon, John Grymes, Jno Cuſtis, Wm Randolph, John Tayloe & Philip Lightfoot* Eſqrs

A Bill Entituled *An Act to Enable* Ralph Wormly *Eſqr to Sell and diſpoſe of Certain Entailed Lands to raiſe money for payment of his Sifters portions and performance of his Fathers Will*

Read the Second time and Committed for Amendments

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Continuing and Amending An Act Entituled* an Act for laying a Duty on Liquors Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Read the Third time

Thomas Lee Eſqr preſent

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Regulating and Collecting Certain Officers ffees and other purpoſes therein Mentioned*

Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill as Amended be Agreed to

A Bill Entituled *an Act to Reſtrain Sheriffs and other Officers from Makeing Unreaſonable Seizures and Diſtreſſes and for other purpoſes therein Mentioned*

Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Read the third time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better preſervation of Glebe Lands and for other purpoſes therein Mentioned* Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill as Amended be Agreed to

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

Tueſday December 5th 1738

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they had diſagreed to ſome and Agreed to the Reſt of the Councils Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the Better Regulation of the Militia* and deſire their Honours to paſs the Bill with thoſe Agreed to by that Houſe and the ſaid Amendments being Conſidered

Reſolved

Resolved

That the Council do Receede from the Amendments disagreed to by the Burgesses

A Bill Entituled *An Act to Restrain Sheriffs and other officers from makeing Unreasonable Seizures & Distresses and for other purposes therein Mentioned*

Read the third time

Resolved

That the Bill be Agreed to

A Bill Entituled *An Act to Enable* Ralph Wormeley *Esqr to Sell and Dispose of Certain Entailed Lands to raise Money for the Payment of his Sisters portions and performance of his Fathers Will* Read with the Amendments

Resolved

That the Bill be Agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk carry the said Bills to the Burgesses

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

Wednesday December 6th 1738

Present

AS YESTERDAY & *Jno Carter* Esqr

Thomas Lee Esqr presented A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better preservation of the Game* And the same was Read the first time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

Thursday Decr 7th 1738

Present

MR COMRY *BLAIR, John Robinson, John Carter, John Grymes, John Custis, Wm Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Esqrs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the better preservation of the Game,* Read the Second time and Committed for Amendments

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Scarburgh* that they had passed a Bill Entituled *An Act for Dissolving the present Vestry of the Parish of* Accomack *and for a New Election of Vestrymen for the said Parish* to which they desire the Councils Concurrence

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Dissolving the Present Vestry of the parish of* Accomack *and for a New Election of Vestrymen for the said parish,* Read the first time &

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

Fryday Decr 8th 1738

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Carter* that the Burgesses upon the Governor and Councils Written Message had passed A Resolve to which they desire the Councils Concurrence

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Conway* that they had passed a Bill Entituled *an Act for Appropriating a Sum of Money therein Mentioned to the Use of the parish of* St Andrew *in the County of* Brunswick to which they desire the Concurrence of this House

The Members for *Accomack* County & Mr *Douglas* in behalf of the Vestry of the Parish this day Attending

A Bill Entituled *an Act for Dissolving the Vestry of the parish of* Accomack *and for a New Election of Vestrymen* was Read the Second time and the Parties being heard thereon and being Withdrawn

Ordered

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Referred 'till further time

A Bill Entituled *An Act to Reſtrain Sheriffs and other Officers from Makeing Unreaſonable Seizures & Diſtreſſes and for Other purpoſes therein Mentioned* Read the Second time

Ordered

To be Read the Third time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Appropriating a Sum of Money therein Mentioned to the uſe of the pariſh of* St Andrew *in the County of* Brunſwick Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

The Reſolve of the Burgeſſes Sent up by Mr *Carter* being Read was Agreed to and is as follows

Reſolved

That the Sum of One Hundred Pounds be paid to Mr *John Tennent* for publiſhing his diſcovery of the Uſe of the Rattle Sneak Roote

Reſolved

That the ſaid Sum be paid him out of the publick Money in the hands of the Treasurer

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

Saturday Decr 9th 1738

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Corbin* that they Cannot Agree to the Councils Amendments to the Bill for the better Regulateing and Collecting Certain Officers ffees and other purpoſes therein Mentioned and deſires their Honours to paſs the Bill without thoſe Amendments

Ordered

That the Clerk carry back the ſaid Bill and Acquaint them that the Council do Inſiſt on their Amendments

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Continuing and Amending* An Act for laying a Duty on Liquors Read the Third time

Reſolved

That the Bill be Agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Council have Agreed to the ſame without Amendments

The Amendments to the Bill Entituled *an Act for the better preſervation of Deer* were Agreed to

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Engroſſed

Adjourned 'till *Munday* Morning 11 A Clock

Munday Decr 11th 1738

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, Wm Byrd, Jno Robinſon, Jno Carter, Jno Grymes, Jno Cuſtis, Wm Randolph & John Tayloe* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fitzhugh* & others that they had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act for further Continuing and Amending the* Act for Mending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in His Majeſties Cuſtoms To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, And the ſaid Bill was Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read the Second time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney General* that they had Agreed to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill Entituled *An Act to Enable* Ralph Wormely *Eſqr to Sell and Diſpoſe of Certain Entailed Lands to Raiſe Money for the payment of his Siſters portions and performance of his Fathers Will*

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Agreed to as amended

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* that they Cannot Agree to the Amendments Propoſed by their Honours to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the better preſervation of Glebe Lands and other purpoſes therein mentioned* and deſire they will paſs the Bill without them.

A Motion being made that the Bill Entituled *an Act for diſolving the preſent Veſtry of the pariſh of* Accomack *and for A New Election of Veſtry men for the ſaid Pariſh* be read a third time

It paſſed in the Negative

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be Rejected

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* who brought a Bill Entituled *An Act for Amending the Act Entituled* An Act for Makeing Clearing & Repairing the High Ways and for Clearing the Rivers & Creeks, To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

An Engroſſed Bill Entd *An Act for the better preſervation of the breed of Deer, and preventing unlawfull hunting*. Read the 3d time. Reſolved that the bill do paſs

Ordered that the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly carry the fd bill to the Burgeſſes & deſire their concurrence thereto

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Corbin* that the Houſe Inſiſt on their diſagreement to the Council Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Regulating and Collecting Certain Officers ffees and other Purpoſes therein Mentioned* Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

The Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the better preſervation of Glebe Lands and Other purpoſes therein Mentioned* being taken into Conſideration

Reſolved

That the Council do Receede from the firſt Amendment and Inſiſt on the Reſt

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

Tueſday Decr 12th 1738

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Bill Entituled *an Act for Continuing and Amending the Act Entituled* An Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in his Majeſties Cuſtoms, Read the Second time and Committed for Amendments

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

Wedneſday Decr 13th 1738

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

On hearing the parties on the Bill for Amending & Continueing the *Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco & for Repealing the Warehouſe at* Taskenask

And being Withdrawn

The queſtion was put that the bill be amended by Striking out the Brickhouſe & inſerting *Taskanask*

It

It paſſed in the Negative

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* that they had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act for the more Eaſy payment of Publick Dues* to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

Alſo they deſire to know What their Honours have done with the Bill for Appropriating A Sum of Money for the pariſh of *St Andrew*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Allen* that they had paſſed a Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing the pariſhes of* Southwark *and* Lawns *Creek and other purpoſes therein Mentioned* To which they deſire the Councils Concurrence

A Bill Entituled *An Act for further Continuing and Amending the* Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſties Cuſtoms—Read the third time with the Amendments

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill as Amended be Agreed to

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Appointing a Treaſurer* Read the firſt time

Ordered

To be read a Second time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fitzhugh* that they had paſſed A Bill Entituled *An Act for Erecting two New Counties and pariſhes, And Granting Certain Encouragements to the Inhabitants thereof* to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the more Eaſy payment of Publick Dues*, Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read A Second Time.

A Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing the pariſhes of* Southwark *and* Lawns *Creek and other purpoſes therein Mentioned*, Read the firſt time & Ordd a 2d reading

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* That they had paſſd a Bill Entd *An Act for appointing a Treaſurer* To wch they deſire the concurrence of this houſe, And the ſd bill was twice read &

Ordd to be read a 3d time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Appointing A Treaſurer* Read the Third time

Reſolved

That the Bill be Agreed to

Ordered

That a Conferrence be deſired with the Burgeſſes Upon the Subject Matter of the Amendments to the Bill for Regulating and Collecting Certain Officers ffees

Ordered That *John Grymes* & *John Tayloe* Eſqrs do manage the Conferrence

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fitzhugh* that they Agree to the Conferrence

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Erecting Two New Counties and Two New pariſhes and Granting Certain Encouragements to the Inhabitants thereof* Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

A Bill Entituled *an Act for Amending the Act Entituled* an Act for Makeing Clearing and Repairing the High Ways and for Clearing the Rivers and Creeks and for making more Effectual proviſion for keeping Mill Dams in Good Repair. Read the Second time

Ordered

That the Bill be Committed for Amendments

The Council took into Conſideration the Bill Entituled *an Act for the better preſervation of Glebe Lands and for other purpoſes therein Mentioned* and thereupon

Reſolved

That the Council do Adhere to their Amendments

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

Thurſday

Thurſday Decr 14th 1738

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Thomas Lee & Philip Lightfoot* Eſqrs

John Grymes Eſqr from the Conferrence with the Burgeſſes Reported that the Burgeſſes on Report of what was Offered to them had Agreed to the Amendments propoſed to the Bill Entituled *An Act for the better Regulating Certain Officers ffees and other purpoſes therein mentioned*

A Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing the pariſhes of* Southwark *and* Lawns *Creek and other Purpoſes therein Mentioned,* Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Read a third time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Erecting Two New Counties and Pariſhes and Granting Certain Encouragements to the Inhabitants thereof,* Read the Second time

Ordered

To be Read a third time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for the More Eaſy payment of Publick Levys.* Read the Second time and a queſtion being put that the Bill be Read a third time

It paſſed in the Negative

A Bill Entituled *an Act for Amending the Act Entituled* an Act for making Clearing and Repairing the high Ways and for Clearing the Rivers and Creeks and for Makeing more Effectual proviſion for the keeping Mill Dams in good Repairs Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments be Agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk carry the Said Bill to the Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fitzhugh* that they had Agreed to One of the Councils Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for further Continuing and Amending the* Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco and preventing frauds in His Majeſties Customs diſagreed to the reſt and deſire the Council to paſs the ſame According to their Amendments And the ſd bill was agreed to accordingly

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

Friday Decr 15th 1738

Preſent

MR COMMISSARY *BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, William Dandridge, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Erecting two New Counties and two New pariſhes and Granting Certain Encouragements to the Inhabitants thereof* Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill be Agreed to

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Hedgman* that they had paſſed A Bill Entituled *An Act for Dividing* Prince William *County* to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they had paſs'd A Bill Entituled *An Act for Making more Convenient Several Counties in the* Northern Neck *and Setling the Bounds of other Counties and Certain pariſhes in the ſaid Neck,* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

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A Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing the parifhes of* Southwark *and* Lawns *Creek and other purpofes therein Mentioned* Read the third time with the Amendments thereto.

Refolved

That the Bill be Agreed to as Amended

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Conway* that they had Agreed to the Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill Entituled *An Act for Amending the Act Entituled* an Act for Clearing and Repairing the High Ways and Clearing the Rivers and Creeks and for Making more Effectual provifion for the keeping Mill Dams in repair

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Baker* that they had pafs'd A Bill Entituled *An Act for the Relief of thofe perfons who were Sufferers in the Lofs of the Records of* Nanfemond *County whofe Cafes have not been Already provided for* To which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Dividing* Prince William *County*, and

A Bill Entituled *An Act for making more Convenient Several Counties in the* Northern Neck *and Setling the bounds of other Counties, and Certain parifhes in the faid Neck*, And alfo A Bill for the Relief of thofe perfons who were Sufferers in the Lofs of the Records in *Nanfemond* County whofe Cafes have not been Already provided for Were Severally Read the firft time &

Ordered

To be Read A Second time

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

Saturday December 16th 1738

Prefent

MR COMMISSARY *BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot* & *Thomas Lee* Efqrs

A Bill Entituled *an Act for the Relief Of thofe perfons who were Sufferers in the Lofs of the Records of* Nanfemond *County whofe Cafes have not been Already provided for* Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Read a third time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for makeing more Convenient Several Counties in the* Northern Neck *and Setling the Bounds of other Counties and Certain parifhes in the faid Neck* Read the Second time

And upon this queftion put

Refolved

That the Confideration thereof be Referred 'till the next Seffion of Affembly

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Dividing* Prince William *County* Read the Second time

And Upon the queftion that the Bill be Read a third time

It pafs'd in the Negative

Ordered that the Confideration thereof be Referred 'till the Next Seffion of Affembly

A Bill Entituled *an Act for the Relief of thofe perfons who were Sufferers in the Lofs of the Records of the County of* Nanfemond *Whofe Cafes have not been provided for* Read the third time

Refolved that the faid Bill be Agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk Carry the faid Bill to the Burgeffes and Acquaint them that the Council have Agreed to the fame without any Amendment

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Appointing Several New Ferrys and Difcontinuing a former Ferry*, Read the firft time, & Ordered a fecond reading

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Ruffin* that they had Agreed to the Councils Amendments to the Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing* Southwark *and* Lawns *Creek parifhes* & had Inferted them

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A Bill Entituled *An Act for Continuing the* Act for Laying a Duty Upon Slaves, Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fitzhugh* that they had made ſome Amendments to the Bill for the better preſervation of the Breed of Deer and preventing Unlawfull Hunting To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

Reſolved

That the Council do Agree to the ſaid Amendments with an Amendment

Ordered

That the Clerk Carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them therewith

Adjourned 'til to Morrow Morning 11 a Clock

Munday December 18th 1738

Preſent

MR COMMISSARY *BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinſon, John Carter John Grymes, John Cuſtis, John Tayloe & Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Appointing Several New Ferrys and diſcontinuing a former Ferry*, Read the Second time and

Ordered

To be Committed for Amendments

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Amending and further Continuing an Act Entituled* an Act for Laying a Duty on Slaves—Read the third time

Reſolved that the Bill be Agreed to

William Dandridge & Philip Lightfoot Eſqr Preſent

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Appointing Several New Ferrys and Diſcontinuing a former fferry*, Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be Agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk Cary the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them therewith

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

Tueſday December 19th 1738

Preſent

MR COMMISSARY *BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, Willaim Dandridge, John Cuſtis, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Blair* that they had paſs'd the Book of Claims to which they deſire the Councils Concurrence

The Council proceeded to the Conſideration of the Book of Claims and having gone through the ſame it was agreed to

Ordered

That it Stands as an Obſervation on this Journal that this Houſe doth Agree to the book of Claims to ſave Expence, but that they do not Allow it to be reaſonable that Owners of Slaves having quarters in Frontier Counties Ought to be Charged in the Counties where they reſide and where the Deduction is leſs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fitzhugh* that the Burgeſſes diſagree to the Amendments made by their Honours to their Amendment to the Bill Entituled *an Act for the better preſervation of the breed of Deer and preventing Unlawfull Hunting* and deſire the Council to paſs the Bill without that Amendment

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they had paſs'd the Treaſurers Accounts

A Meſſage by Mr *Conway* that the Burgeſſes had paſs'd A Reſolve for paying *William Parks* printer Eighty pounds ℔ *Annum* Additional Salary

Reſolved

That the Council Receede from their Amendment to the Burgeſſes Amendment to the bill for the better preſervation of the breed of Deer &c And that the Clk acquaint them that they have paſs'd the Bill as Amended by the Burgeſſes

Ordered

That the Bill Entituled *An Act for Appointing Several New Ferries and diſcontinuing A former Ferry* be Agreed to as Amended

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fitzhugh* that they had paſs'd A Bill Entituled *An Act to Encourage Settlements on the Southern Boundaries of this Colony* And

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Dividing* Hannover *County* to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

A Bill Entituled *An Act for dividing* Hanover *County* Read the firſt time and A Debate Ariſing thereon

Reſolved

That the Conſideration of the Second Reading be Referred 'till the firſt of *January*

A Bill Entituled *An Act to Encourage Settlements on the Southern Boundaries of this Colony* Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read A Second time

A Bill Entituled *An Act to Encourage Settlements on the Southern Boundaries of this Colony* Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Read the Third time

Ordered

That the Examination of the Treaſurers Accounts be Referred to *Philip Lightfoot* and *Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney General* that they had paſs'd A Bill Entituled *an Act for Licenſing Pedlars and preventing Frauds in the duties upon Skins and Furrs*, To wch they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

And then the Council Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

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Wedneſday December 20th 1738

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

The Treaſurers Accounts having been Examined by the perſons Appointed by this Board were paſs'd this day

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Bowdin* that they had paſs'd A Bill Entituled *An Act for Veſting Three Hundred Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County and pariſh of* Accomack, *parcel of a Greater Tract Whereof* Jno Wollop *is Seized in ffee Taile in* Joſhua Kendall *and for Setling Several Slaves to the Uſes of the Remaining Entailed Lands* And the ſame was Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Licenſing Pedlars and preventing frauds in Duties on Skins and Furrs*

Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read a Second time

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A Bill Entituled *An Act for Licenſing Pedlars & preventing frauds in Duties on Skins and Furrs*

Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Read a third time

The Council took into Conſideration the Reſolve for an Additional Salary to *William Parks* and having heard him

Reſolved

That an Additional Salary of Eighty Pounds ℔ *Annum* be paid to *William Parks* to Commence from the laſt day of this Inſtant

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Woodbridge* that they had paſs'd a Bill Entituled *An Act declaring the Law Concerning Attachments and altering the Court days of the Counties of* Accomack *and* Amilia, To which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Walk* that they had paſs'd A Bill Entituled *An Act to prevent the Inhabitants of the Borough of* Norfolk *from being Compelled to Serve in the Militia of the County of* Norfolk *and to Exempt Sailors or Seamen in Actual pay on Board any Ship or Veſſel from Serving in the Militia* To which they deſire the Councils Concurrence

A Bill Entituled *An Act to Encourage Settlements on the Southern Boundaries of this Colony* Read the third time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be Agreed to

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Licenſing Pedlars & preventing frauds in the Duties on Skins and Furrs* Read the third time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be Agreed to

A Bill Entituled *an Act declareing the Law concerning Attachments and Altering the Court days of the Counties of* Accomack *and* Amelia, Read the firſt time

Ordered

To be Read A Second time

A Bill Entituled *An Act to prevent the Inhabitants of the Borough of* Norfolk *from being Compelled to Serve in the Militia in the County of* Norfolk *and to Exempt Sailors or Sea Men in Actual pay on Board any Ship or Veſſel from Serving in the Militia*, Read the firſt time &

Ordered

To be Read A Second time &

The ſd bill was read the ſecond time And

Ordered

To be Read the third time And the ſaid bill together with

A Bill Entituled *An Act for Veſting Three Hundred Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County and pariſh of* Accomack *parcel of A Greater Tract Whereof* John Wallop *is Seized in ffee Tail in* Joſhua Kendall *in ffee Simple and for Setling Several Slaves to the Uſes of the Remaining Entailed Lands*, Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Read immediately the third time which being done the ſd Bills were Agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk carry the ſaid Bills to the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them therewith

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney General* who brought a Reſolve of theirs Impowering him to bring A Bill in Chancery againſt *Thomas Bray* Gent to Compell him to Settle Lands and Slaves in Lieu of the Lands and Slaves he hath Sold pursuant to A former Act of Aſſembly to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney General* that they had paſs'd A Bill Entituled *An Act for better Securing the Title of Lands to the Feoffees of the Town of* York

and

and for Setling the ſame for A Common for the Uſe of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

Read the firſt time

Ordered

To be Read A Second time

And then the Council Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 A Clock

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Thurſday Decr 21^ſt 1738

Preſent

MR COMMISSARY *BLAIR, William Byrd, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Eſq^rs

A Bill Entituled *An Act for better Securing the Title to Certain Lands to the Feoffees of the Town of* York *& Setling the ſame for A Common for the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town*, Read the Second time &

Ordered

To be Read the Third time

John Robinſon Eſq^r preſent

A Bill Entituled *An Act for better Securing the Title to Certain Lands to the Feoffees of the Town of* York *and Setling the ſame for A Common for the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town* Read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill be Agreed to

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* who brought a Reſolve for paying to Mr *Benjamin Harriſon* for the Uſe of the County of *Brunſwick* the Money Received of Col^o *Spotſwood*

A Meſſage by Mr *Fitzhugh* that the Burgeſſes had paſs'd A Bill Entituled *An Act for Raiſing A publick Levy*, To which they deſire the Councils Concurrence

And the ſaid Bill was Read three times

Reſolved

That it paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them therewith

The Reſolve of the Burgeſſes Concerning the Money Received of Coll *Spotſwood* Read and Agreed to as follows

That the Sum of Two Hundred Thirty Nine Pounds Seventeen Shillings lately paid into the Treaſury by Col^o *Spotſwood* be paid to Coll *Benjamin Harriſon* to be by him laid out for buying Arms for the County of *Brunſwick* to be diſtributed among the Inhabitants of that County by the Court Martial

The Reſolve of the Burgeſſes Relating to Col^o *Bray* read and agreed to as follows—

That Unleſs the ſaid *Thomas Bray* ſhall Annex Slaves to the Entailed Lands belonging to his ſon *James Bray* to the Vallue of Six Hundred and Thirty Nine Pounds five Shilling before the laſt day of *Auguſt* Next Mr *Attorney General* be Impowered to Exhibit a Bill againſt him to Compell him to Execute the ſaid Act According to the true Intent and meaning thereof

Mr *Conway* brought the book of Proportions and deſired the Councils Concurrence

Mr *Beverly* brought the Enrold Bills for the Councils Inſpection

The Council having peruſed the Book of proportions

Ordered

That the ſame be Agreed to

The Council having peruſed the Enrolled Bills and finding them truly Enrolled

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Return the Enrolled Bills and Acquaint the Burgeſſes that this Houſe is Satisfied the ſame are truly Enrolled.

The Governor preſent

Ordered

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Governor Commands their Immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber with ſuch Bills as are Ready for his Aſſent

The Houſe of Burgeſſes Accordingly Attended and the *Speaker* preſented the following Bills, To which the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent *Viz*[t]

[For the 25 enumerated acts, ſee J. of H. of B., p. p. 386, 387.]

The Governor was alſo pleaſed to give his Aſſent to Three Reſolves paſs'd by the Council and Burgeſſes this Seſſion *Viz*[t]

For the payment of One Hundred pounds to M[r] *John Tennent* for publiſhing his diſcovery of the Uſe of the *Seneca* Rattle Snake roote

For the payment of Two Hundred Thirty Nine pounds Seventeen Shillings lately paid into the Treaſury by Coll *Spotſwood* to be paid to Coll[o] *Harriſon*, to be by him laid out in buying Arms for the County of *Brunſwick*

For an Additional Salary of Eighty pounds ℔ *Annum* to *William Parks* printer

After which the Governor made the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council M[r] Speaker *& Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

As I have been Alwayes led . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 387-388.]

Ex[d]

Wil Robertſon Cl G. Aſſ[ly]

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg* on *ffriday* the ffirſt Day of *Auguſt* in the Ninth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second by the Grace of God of *Great Britain ffrance* and *Ireland* King Defender of the ffaith &c. And ffrom thence Continued by Several Prorogations to the Twenty Second Day of *May* in the Thirteenth Year of his Said Majeſty's Reign and in the Year of our Lord One thouſand Seven hundred and fforty and then held before the honoble *William Gooch* Eſq^r his Majeſty's Lieutenant Govern^r and Comander in Cheif of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*

Being the third Seſſion of this p^rſent General Aſſembly.—

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THE JOURNAL OF THE COUNCIL

Thurfday May 22d 1740

Prefent

THE Governor, *James Blair, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Efqrs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go down to the Houfe of Burgeffes and Acquaint them that the Governor Comands their imediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeffes Attending The Governr was pleafed to make the following Speech.—

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, *and Gentlemen of the Houfe of Burgeffes.*—

As I am intrufted . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1727-1740, pp. 391-2.]

And then the Burgeffes withdrew.—

Refolved nemine Contradicente

That an Humble Addrefs be made to the Governr to return him the thanks of the Council for his Speech at the Opening of this Seffion, to Exprefs our Satisfaction under his mild wife and juft Adminiftration and the regard we Shall Alwayes pay to his Advice; And to Affure him of our readinefs to concur in his generous Purpofes for the Safety and profperity of this Colony; and it is referred to *John Robinfon, John Carter,* and *John Grymes* Efqrs to prepare and bring in the Same.

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.—

ffryday May 23d 1740

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee Efqrs

John Robinfon Efqr reported That the Perfons Appointed had according to Ordr prepared an Addrefs to the Governor and the Same was read and agreed to without any Amendment and is as follows.—

To the Honourable William Gooch *Efqr his Majeftys Lieutenant Governor Comander in Cheif of the Colony and Dominion of* Virginia.—

The Humble Addrefs of the Council

Sir

We his Majefty's moft dutifull and Loial Subjects the Council of *Virginia*, now met in General Affembly, being truly Sencible of the Happy Effects of a Mild, wife, and Juft Adminiftration, beg Leave to return our Sincere thanks for Your Speech at the opening of this Seffion; and to affure You we can never think his Majefty's Intereft, and that of his

his Subjects more Effectually Secured, than whilst the Government of this Colony is Comitted to Your Care. It is owing to the peculiar Happiness of Your Conduct, that we have had no Heats, no Parties, no Contentions amongst us, but who Should be the best Subjects to the best of Kings, the ffather of his People.

His Majesty's great Goodness and tender regard for his People in trying every Method to avoid the Effusion of Blood till the *Spaniards*, by their Insults and Infringements of Treaties and Engagements, had provoked him to declare Warr against their King, must deserve the most affectionate Returns of Love and Duty from all his Subjects, and raise in their Minds Such a Spirit of Emulation, as will Effectually Support him in the prosecution of his Just Resentments.

We Shall at all times, *Sir*, and particularly on this Occasion, pay the Greatest deference to Your Advice and be ready in our Station, to concur in all Such Measures as may tend to Compleat Your generous Purposes for the Safety and prosperity of this Colony.—

Ordered

That the Said Address be fairly transcribed.

Ordered

That *Philip Lightfoot* and *Thomas Lee* Esq^{rs} do wait on the Governor to know his pleasure when the Council Shall attend him with the said Address.—

Philip Lightfoot Esqr reported that the Persons appointed had according to ord^{r} waited on the Governor to know his pleasure when the Council Should Attend him With their Address and his Honour was pleased to say he would receive the said Address at Twelve a Clock to Morrow Noon in the Council Chamber.—

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.—

Saturday May 24. 1740

Present

THE Governor, *John Robinson*, *John Carter*, *John Grymes*, *John Custis*, *William Randolph*, *Philip Lightfoot* & *Thomas Lee* Esq^{rs}

John Robinson Esqr in behalf of the Council p^{r}sented their Address to the Governor to which he was pleased to give the following Answer.—

Gentlemen

I thank You for this very kind and obliging Address: and as the Satisfaction You Express and the Security You Express in my Administration and Advice, give me a very Sencible pleasure; So your readiness to Concur in what I have proposed, Leaves me no room to doubt the accomplishment of all I have in View, the Safety and true Interest of *Virginia*.

Present *James Blair* Esqr

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down to the House of Burgesses and acquaint them that the Governor is now ready to receive their Address in the Council Chamber.

The Burgesses Came up and Mr *Speaker* in behalf of the House p^{r}sented the following Address to the Governor.

Sir

We his Majesty's most dutifull . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 394-5.]

To which the Govern^{r} was pleased to give the ffollowing Answer

Gentlemen

I Give you my hearty thanks . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 399.]

And then the Burgesses withdrew.

And the Council Adjourned till *Monday* Morning Eleven A Clock.—

Monday

Monday May 26. 1740

Prefent

THE Governor, *James Blair, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph & Thomas Lee* Efq^{rs}

Prefent *Philip Lightfoot* Efq^{r}

The Council having nothing before them Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.

Tuefday May 27. 1740

Prefent.

JAMES BLAIR, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph & Philip Lightfoot Efq^{rs}

The Council having nothing before them Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.

Wednefday May 28. 1740

Prefent

THE Governor, *James Blair, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph & Philip Lightfoot* Efq^{rs}

Two Petitions of the Upper Inhabitants of *Sherrendo* and *Opeckon* were read praying that the County of *ffrederick* may now take place.

Ordered

That the Confiderations of the faid Petitions be referred to the next Seffion of Affembly.

And then the Council having nothing before them Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.

Thurfday May 29. 1740

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe & Philip Lightfoot Efq^{rs}

The Council having nothing before them Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.

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ffryday May 30. 1740

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe & Philip Lightfoot Efq^{rs}.—

The Council having nothing before them Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.

Saturday May 31. 1740

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe & Philip Lightfoot Efq^{rs}

The Council having nothing before them Adjourned till Monday Morning Eleven a Clock.—

Monday

Monday June 2d 1740

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe & Philip Lightfoot Efqrs

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *ffitzhugh;* That they have paffed A Bill Intituled *an Act for Dividing* Prince William *County.*

Alfo a Bill Intituled *an Act for Dividing the County of* Goochland *and Parifh of* St James.

Alfo a Bill Intituled *an Act for Enforcing the Executions of the Laws made for the better managing and Securing Orphans Eftates* to which they defire the Concurrence of the Council.—

An Ingroffed Bill from the Houfe of Burgeffes Intituled *An Act for Dividing* prince William *County.*—

Alfo a Bill Intituled *An Act for Dividing the County of* Goochland *and Parifh of* St James.

And alfo a Bill Intituled *an act for Enforcing the Execution of the Laws made for the better Managing and Securing Orphans Eftates* were Severally read the firft time.

Ordered

That the Bills be read a Second time.—

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney General* That they have paffed a Bill Intituled *an Act for prolonging the time for bringing Tobacco to the Public Warehoufes and for the Sale of Transferr Tobacco And to allow the Inhabitants of* Hanover *County above the* Little *Mountains to pay their Public Dues and Officers ffees with the Notes of* ffrederickfburg *Warehoufe* to which they defire the Concurrence of the Council.

An Ingroffed Bill from the Houfe of Burgeffes Intituled *An Act for prolonging the time for bringing Tobacco to the Public Warehoufes and for the Sale of Transfer Tobacco, and to allow the Inhabitants of* Hanover *County above the* Little *Mountains to pay their Public Dues & Officers ffees with the Notes of* ffrederickfburg *Warehoufe* was read the ffirft time.

Ordered

That the Bill be read a Second time.

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.—

Tuefday June 3d 1740

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee Efqrs

Two Ingroffed Bills from the Houfe of Burgeffes *vizt*

A Bill Intituled *An Act for Dividing* Prince William *County*—

And a Bill Intituled *an Act for Dividing the County of* Goochland *and Parifh of* St James were Severally read the Second time.—

Ordered

That the faid Bills be read a third time.

Two other Ingroffed Bills from the Houfe of Burgeffes. *vizt.*

A Bill Intituled *An Act for Enforcing the Laws made for the better Managing and Securing Orphans Eftates.*

Alfo A Bill Intituled *an Act for prolonging the time for bringing Tobacco to the Public Warehoufes and for the Sale of transfer Tobacco, And to Allow the Inhabitants of* Hanover *County above the* Little *Mountains to pay their Public Dues and Officers ffees with the Notes of* ffrederickfburg *Warehoufe* were Severally read the Second time.—

Ordered

That the faid Bills be Comitted

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.

Wednefday

Wednesday June 4. 1740

Present

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinson, John Carter, John Grymes, John Custis, William Randolph, John Tayloe & Philip Lightfoot Esqrs

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Conway* that they have passed a Bill Intituled *an Act for Continuing and Amending the* Act for making more Effectual Provision against Invasions and Insurrections to which they desire the Concurrence of the Council.—

An Ingrossed Bill from the House of Burgesses Intituled *an Act for Continuing and Amending the* Act for making more Effectual Provision against Invasions and Insurrections was read the first time.—

Ordered

That the Bill be read a Second time.—

An Ingrossed Bill from the House of Burgesses for dividing *Prince William* County was read the third time.—

And the Question being put that the Bill do pass.—

It passed in the Negative.—

Resolved—

That the Bill be rejected.—

Upon a Motion

Ordered

That the third reading of the Ingrossed Bill from the House of Burgesses Intituled *An Act for dividing the County of* Goochland be put off and the further consideration of the said Bill referred to the next Session of Assembly.—

The Amendments made by the Council to the Ingrossed Bill from the House of Burgesses Intituled *An Act for the Enforcing the Execution of the Laws made for the better Managing and Securing Orphans Estates* were read and with Amendments to Some of them Agreed to.—

And the Bill with the Amendments being read the third time.—

Resolved

That the Bill do pass as Amended.—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down to the House of Burgesses and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Some Amendments to which they desire their Concurrence.—

An Ingrossed Bill from the House of Burgesses Intituled *An Act for Continuing and Amending the Act Intituled* An Act for making more Effectual Provision against Invasions and Insurrections was read the Second time.—

Ordered

That the Bill be read a third time.—

A Message ffrom the House of Burgesses by Mr *Martin* and Mr *Carter* that they have passed a Bill Intituled *An Act for Amending the* Act for preventing ffrauds in his Majesty's Customs and in clearing of Ships for Ascertaining and Collecting Naval Officers ffees and to prohibit and prvent Casting of Ballast and Dead Bodies into Rivers and Creeks as to So much thereof as relates to Casting of Ballast into Rivers and Creeks and the Bill was read the ffirst time.—

Ordered

That the Bill be read a Second time.—

An Ingrossed Bill from the House of Burgesses Intituled *An Act for Continuing and Amending the* Act for Making more effectual provision Against Invasions and Insurrections was read the third time.—

Resolved

That the Bill do pass.—

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney General* that they have paſſed a Bill Intituled *An Act for Docking the Entail of Certain Lands in the County of* Charles City *and veſting the Same in* Philip Lightfoot *Eſqr* to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.—

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Council Intituled *An Act for Docking the Entail of Certain Lands in the County of* Charles City *and veſting the Same in* Philip Lightfoot *Eſqr* was read the firſt time.—

Ordered

That the Bill be read the Second time.—

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.—

Thurſday June 5. 1740

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee Eſqrs

The Amendments made by the Council to the Ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *An Act for prolonging the Time for bringing Tobacco to the Public Warehouſe, and for the Sale of Transfer Tobacco; and to allow the Inhabitants of* Hanover *County Above the* Little *Mountains to pay their Public Dues. And Officers ffees with the Notes of* ffrederickſburg *Warehouſe* were read and Agreed to.—

And the Bill being read the third time.—

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs.—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have made Some Amendments to the Bill Intituled *An Act for prolonging the time for bringing Tobacco to the Public Warehouſes and for the Sale of Transferr Tobacco and to Allow the Inhabitants of* Hanover *County Above the* Little *Mountains to pay their public Dues and Officers ffees with the Notes of* ffrederickſburg *Warehouſe* And to the Bill Intituled *An Act for Continuing and Amending the Act Intituled* An Act for making more Effectual Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections to which they deſire their Concurrence.—

A Bill Intituled *An Act for Amending the* Act for prventing ffrauds in the Cuſtoms, and in clearing of Ships; for Aſcertaining Collectors and Naval Officers ffees; And to prvent caſting of Ballaſt and Dead Bodies into Rivers and Creeks as to So much thereof as relates to caſting of Ballaſt into Rivers and Creeks was read the Second time & Comitted.—

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *An Act for Docking the Entail of certain Lands in the County of* Charles City *and Veſting the Same in* Philip Lightfoot *Eſqr in ffee Simple* was read the Second time.

Ordered

That the Bill be read the third time

And the Bill was read the third time Accordingly.—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have Agreed to the Bill Intituled *An Act for Docking the Entail of Certain Lands in the County of* Charles City *and veſting the Same in* Philip Lightfoot *Eſqr in ffee Simple* without any Amendment.—

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *ffitzhugh* and Mr *Willis* That they have paſſed a Bill Intituled *An Act for the better Security and defence of the Country in the preſent time of Danger* to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council.—

And that they have Agreed to the Council's Amendments to the Bill Intituled *An Act for prolonging the time for bringing Tobacco to the Public Warehouſes and for the Sale*

Sale of Transfer Tobacco; and to allow the Inhabitants of Hanover *County above the* Little *Mountains to pay their Public Dues and Officers ffees with the Notes of* ffrederickſburg *Warehouſe.*—

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *An Act for the better Security and defence of the Country in the prſent time of Danger* was read the firſt time.—

Ordered

That the Bill be read a ſecond time.—

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.—

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ffryday June 6. 1740

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee Eſqrs

The Amendments made by the Council to the Ingroſſed Bill ffrom the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *An Act for prventing frauds in the Cuſtoms, And in clearing of Ships; for Aſcertaining Collectors and Naval Officers ffees; And to prvent caſting of Ballaſt and Dead Bodies into Rivers and Creeks as to ſo much thereof as relates to caſting of Ballaſt into Rivers and Creeks* were read And Agreed to and other Amendments were made to the Bill at the Table.—

And the Bill being read the third time.—

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs.—

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *An Act for the better Security and Defence of the Country in the preſent time of Danger* was read a Second time.—

Ordered

That the Bill be read the third time.—

And the Bill was read the third time accordingly.—

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs.—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them That the Council have paſſed the Said Bill without Any Amendment and that they have made Some Amendments to the Bill Intituled *An Act for Amending the* Act for prventing ffrauds in the Cuſtoms and in clearing of Ships for Aſcertains Collectors and Naval Officers ffees and to prvent caſting of Ballaſt and Dead Bodies into Rivers and Creeks as to So much thereof as relates to Caſting of Ballaſt into Rivers and Creeks to which they deſire their Concurrence.—

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney General* that they cannot agree to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill Intituled *An Act for enforcing The Execution of the Laws made for the better managing and Securing Orphan's Eſtates* and deſire the Council will paſs the Bill without thoſe Amendments.—

The Council proceeded to the Conſideration of the Said Meſſage and thereupon.—

Reſolved

That the Council recede from their Amendments to the ſaid Bill.—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly return to the Houſe of Burgeſſes the Bill intituled *an Act for Enforcing the Execution of the Laws made for the better managing and Securing Orphan's Eſtates* and acquaint them that the Council receed from their Amendments to the ſaid Bill.—

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* that they have paſſed a Bill Intituled *An Act for Settling Certain Lands Tenements and Hereditaments Late the Eſtate of* William Robertſon *Eſqr Deceaſed purſuant to an agreement made upon the Marriage*

Marriage of John Lidderdale *with* Elizabeth *his now wife Daughter and Heir of the Said* William Robertſon to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council.—

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *An Act for Settling Certain Lands Tenements and Hereditaments Late the Eſtate of* William Robertſon *Eſq^r Deceaſed purſuant to An Agreement made upon the Marriage of* John Lidderdale *with* Elizabeth *his now Wife Daughter and Heir of the ſaid* William Robertſon was read the ffirſt time

Ordered

That the Bill be read a Second time

A Meſſage ffrom the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Allen* That they have paſſed a Bill Intituled *An Act to Oblige the Juſtices of* Surry *County to repair and maintain A Bridge over* Nottoway *River And to permit a Bridge to be Built by Subscription over* Pamunkey *River and to provide for the Support thereof.*—

A Meſſage ffrom the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Scarburgh* that they have paſſed a Bill Intituled *An Act for Deſtroying Crows and Squirrels on the* Eaſtern Shore.—

The two following Ingroſſed Bills from the Houſe of Burgeſſes *vizt*.—

A Bill Intituled *An Act to Oblige the Juſtices of* Surry *County to repair and Maintain a Bridge over* Nottoway *River and to permit a Bridge to be built by Subſcription over* Pamunkey *River and to provide for the Support thereof.*—

And alſo a Bill Intituled *An Act for Deſtroying Crows and Squirrels on the* Eaſtern Shore were Severally read the ffirſt time.

Ordered

That the Bills be read a Second time.—

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven A Clock.—

Saturday June 7. 1740

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee Eſq^rs

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *An Act to Oblige the Juſtices of* Surry *County to repair and Maintain a Bridge over* Nottoway *River and to permit a Bridge to be built by Subſcription over* Pamunkey *River and to provide for the Support thereof* was read a Second time and Comitted.—

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *An Act for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels on the* Eaſtern Shore was read the Second time.—

And the Queſtion being put that the Bill be read a third time.—

It paſſed in the Negative—

Reſolved

That the Bill be rejected

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *an Act for Settling Certain Lands Tenements and Hereditaments late the Eſtate of* William Robertſon *Eſq^r Deceaſed purſuant to an Agreement made upon the Marriage of* John Lidderdale *with* Elizabeth *his now Wife Daughter and Heir of the ſaid* William Robertſon was read the Second time.—

And a Debate Ariſing thereupon.—

Reſolved

That the Council will not paſs any private Bill without being firſt Satisfyed of the truth of the facts therein Suggeſted.—

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be Comitted to a Comittee that they do Examine the Allegations thereof and report the Matter as it Shall Appear to them with their Opinion thereupon to the Council and it is referred to *John Tayloe Philip Lightfoot* and *Thomas Lee* Eſq^rs—

Then the Council Adjourned till *Monday* Morning Eleven A Clock.—

Monday

Monday June 9. 1740

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee Efq^{rs}

An Amendment made to the Bill Intituled *an Act to Oblige the Juftices of* Surry *County to repair and Maintain a Bridge over* Nottoway *River and to permit a Bridge to be built by Subfcription over* Pamunkey *River and to provide for the Support thereof* was read and agreed to; and other Amendm^{ts} being propofed.—

Ordered

That the Bill be Recom̃itted

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.—

Tuefday June 10. 1740

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee Efq^{rs}

This Day being the Day appointed for holding the Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer* the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.—

Wednefday June 11th 1740

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee Efq^{rs}

John Tayloe Efq^{r} reported that the perfons appointed had according to Order Examined the Allegations of the Bill Intituled *an Act for Settling Certain Lands Tenements and Hereditaments late the Eftate of* William Robertfon *Efq^{r} Decd purfuant to an Agreement made upon the Marriage of* John Lidderdale *with* Elizabeth *his now Wife the Daughter and Heir of the Said* William Robertfon and had alfo confidered the Agreement therein mentioned whereupon it appeared to them to have been the Intent of the faid *William Robertfon* that thirteen Negro Slaves in the faid Agreement mentioned Should be Settled in the Same manner as his Lands in *York* and his Houfes and Lots in *Williamfburg* were to be Settled by the Said Agreement.—

That they ffurther Obferve That by the faid Agreement the Said *William Robertfon* only declares that he propofes to Sell his Lands in *Hanover* and *Brunfwick* being remote; Whereas the Bill recites that he agreed to Sell thofe Lands as Soon as Conveniently he Could in both Which particulars they Conceive the Said Bill does not purfue the Said Agreement nor does it appear to them that notice has been given of the Application intended to be made to this Affembly for the purpofes in the faid Bill mentioned.—

That they had alfo Examined *Elizabeth* the Wife of the faid *John Lidderdale* who is Willing and Confenting that a Bill may pafs according to her Said ffather's Agreement

Ordered

That the faid Report do lie on the Table to be perufed by the Council.—

The Governor Prefent.

Proof was made by the Certificate of *Peter ffontaine* Clerk Rector of the Parifh of *Weftover* in the County of *Charles City* That Public Notification had been made three *Sundays* Succeffively at the Lower Church of the faid Parifh that *Beverley Randolph* of the County of *Henrico* Efq^{r} and *Elizabeth* his Wife did intend to apply to this prefent General Affembly for *an Act to dock the Entail of One thoufand and Ninety Acres of Land Lieing and being in the Parifh and County aforefaid, late the Eftate of* Philip Lightfoot *Gen^{t} Decd whereof* ffrancis Lightfoot *Gent. Died poffeffed.*—

Several

Several Meſſages from the Houſe of Burgeſſes that they have paſſed the following Bills to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council to wit.—

A Bill Intituled *an act for Diſſolving the preſent Veſtries in this Colony for electing New Veſtries and Other purpoſes therein mentioned.*—

A Bill Intituled *an act for Docking the Entail of Certain Lands in the County of* King William *and Veſting the Same in* Richard Chapman *Gen*[t] *in ffee Simple and for Settling other Lands and Slaves of greater value to the Same Uſes.*—

A Bill Intituled *an act for Dividing the County of* Hanover *and Pariſh of* S[t] Martin *and erecting the Upper part thereof into a Diſtinct County and Pariſh.*—

A Bill Intituled *an act to oblige the Owners of Convict Women Servants having Baſtards to give Security to indempnifie the Pariſh from any Charge that may Accrue thereby.*—

A Bill Intituled *an act to p*[r]*vent the recovery of Money or other Valuable things won on Wagers and for the more effectual reſtraint of Gaming at Ordinaries* to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council were reſpectively delivered by M[r] *ffitzhugh*, M[r] *Claiborne* M[r] *Merriwether* M[r] *Conway*, and M[r] *Randolph.*—

The Governor Abſent

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *an Act for diſſolving the p*[r]*ſent Veſtries in this Colony, for electing new Veſtries and other purpoſes therein mentioned* was read the ffirſt time.—

And the Queſtion being put that the Bill be read a Second time.—

It paſſed in the Negative.—

Reſolved

That the Bill be rejected

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *An Act for docking the Entail of Certain Lands in the County of* King William *and Veſting the Same in* Richard Chapman *Gent, in ffee Simple and for Settling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the Same Uſes* was read the ffirſt time.—

Ordered

That the Bill be Comitted to a Comee that they do Examine the allegations thereof and report the matter as it Shall appear to them with their Opinion thereupon to the Council and it is referred to *John Tayloe* and *Thomas Lee* Eſq[rs].—

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *An Act for Dividing the County of* Hanover *and pariſh of* S[t] Martin *and erecting the upper part thereof into a diſtinct County and pariſh* was read the ffirſt time.—

And the Queſtion being put that the Bill be read a Second time.—

Reſolved

That the Said Bill be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.—

The two ffollowing Ingroſſed Bills from the Houſe of Burgeſſes to wit.—

A Bill Intituled *An Act to oblige the owners of convict Women Servants having Baſtards to give Security to indempnifie the Pariſh from any Charge that may accrue thereby.*—

And a Bill Intituled *An Act to p*[r]*vent the recovery of any Money or other valuable things won on Wagers and for the more effectual reſtraint of Gaming at Ordinaries* were Severally read the firſt time.—

Ordered

That the Bills be read a Second time—

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.—

Thurſday June 12. 1740

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Phillip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee Eſq[rs]

John Tayloe Eſq[r] reported that the perſons to whom the Bill for docking the Entail of Certain Lands in the County of *King William* and Veſting the Same in *Richard Chapman* Gen[t] in ffee Simple and for Settling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value

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to the Same Uſes was Comitted had examined the Allegations of the Bill and were of Opinion from the Teſtimony Offered them that the Lands and Slaves propoſed to be Settled to the Same Uſes as the Intailed Lands are Settled are of a greater Value than the Entailed Lands and that it appears to them that due Notice has been given that application would be made to this preſent General Aſſembly to Obtain an Act for the purpoſes in the Said Bill mentioned purſuant to his Majeſty's Inſtructions.—

The Amendments made by the Council to the ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *an Act to Oblige the Juſtices of* Surry *County to repair and maintain a Bridge over* Nottoway *River and to permit a Bridge to be built by Subſcription over* Pamunkey *River and to provide for the Support thereof* were read and Agreed to.—

And the Bill being read the third time

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs.—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and Acquaint them That the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill with Some Amendments to which they deſire their Concurrence.—

The Council proceeded to the Conſideration of the Report, from the Comee to whom the Bill Intituled *an Act for Settling Certain Lands Tenements & Hereditaments Late the Eſtate of* William Robertſon *Eſq*r *Decd purſuant to an Agreement made upon the Marriage of* John Lidderdale *with* Elizabeth *his now wife the Daughter and Heir of the ſaid* William Robertſon, was Comitted and the Report was read.—

And his Majeſty's 26th Inſtruction to the Governr was alſo read.—

Then Mr *Lidderdale* was called in and being asked if he had given Public Notice of the Application he Intended to make to this preſent General Aſſembly for paſſing the ſaid Bill He anſwered he had not and then withdrew.—

And the Queſtion being put That the Said Bill be read the third time

It paſſed in the Negative.—

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be rejected

The two following ingroſſed Bills ffrom the Houſe of Burgeſſes to wit.—

A Bill Intituled *An Act to prevent the Recovery of Money or other valuable things won on Wagers and for the more effectual reſtraint of gaming at Ordinaries.—*

And a Bill Intituled *an Act for Docking the Entail of certain Lands in the County of* King William *and Veſting the Same in* Richard Chapman *Gent in ffee Simple and for Settling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the Same Uſes* were Severally read a Second time.—

Ordered

That the Bills be read the third time.

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *An Act to Oblige the Owners of Convict Women Servants having Baſtards to give Security to Indempnifie the Pariſh from any Charge that may Accrue thereby* was read a Second time.—

And the Queſtion being put that the Bill be read a third time.—

It paſſed in the Negative.—

Reſolved

That the Bill be rejected.—

The two ffollowing Ingroſſed Bills from the Houſe of Burgeſſes to wit.—

A Bill Intituled *an Act to prvent the Recovery of Money or other Valuable things won on Wagers and for the more Effectual reſtraint of Gaming at Ordinaries.*

And a Bill Intituled *an Act for Docking the Entail of certain Lands in the County of* King William *and Veſting the Same in* Richard Chapman *Gent. in ffee Simple and for Settling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the Same Uſes* were Severally read the third time.—

Preſent the Governor

Proof was made by the Certificate of *Daniel Burford* Clerk of the lower Church of the Pariſh of *St. John* That Public Notification had been made thrice at the Said Church that

that application would be made to this prefent General Affembly for the purpofes in the faid Bill mentioned.—

And by the Certificate of *James Willeroy* Clerk of the upper Church of the faid Parifh That Such Notice had been publifhed three *Sundays* Succeffively at the Church laft mentioned.—

Refolved

That the Bills do pafs.—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go down to the Houfe of Burgeffes and Acquaint them that the Council have Agreed to the faid Bills without any Amendment.–

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Martin* and Several other Members of that Houfe.—

That they have paffed a Bill Intituled *an Act for Laying an Additional duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers and for Encouraging Perfons to enlift in his Majefty's Service and for prventing Differtion.*—

An ingroffed Bill from the Houfe of Burgeffes Intituled *An Act for Laying An Additional Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers and for Encouraging Perfons to Enlift in his Majefty's Service and for prventing Differtion* was read the ffirft time.—

Ordered

That the Bill be read the Second time.—

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.—

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ffryday June 13. 1740

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee Efqrs—

An Ingroffed Bill from the Houfe of Burgeffes Intituled *An Act for Laying an Additional Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers and for Encouraging perfons to enlift in his Majefty's Service and for prventing Differtion* was read the Second time.—

Ordered

That the Bill be read the third time.—

And the Bill was read the third time Accordingly.—

Refolved

That the Bill do pafs.—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go down to the Houfe of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the Said Bill without any Amendment.—

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Henry Willis* That they have paffed a Bill Intituled *an Act for Dividing the Parifh of* St. Mark *in the County of* Orange *and erecting the Same into two diftinct Parifhes* to which they defire the Concurrence of the Council.—

And the faid Bill was read the ffirft time.—

Ordered

That the Bill be read a Second time.—

A Meffage ffrom the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney General* that they have paffed a Bill Intituled *An Act for raifing Levies and Recruits to Serve in the prfent Warr againft the* Spaniards *in* America to which they defire the Concurrence of the Council.—

And the faid Bill was read the ffirft time.—

Ordered

That the Bill be read a Second time.—

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Allen* that they have Agreed to the Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill Intituled *an Act to Oblige the Juftices of*

of Surry *County to repair and Maintain a Bridge over* Nottoway *River and to permit a Bridge to be built by Subſcription over* Pamunkey *River and to provide for the Support thereof* Except one of them to which they have diſagreed And that they deſire the Council will paſs the Bill with the Amendments by them Agreed to.—

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven A Clock.—

Saturday June 14. 1740

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee Eſq^{rs}

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *An Act for Dividing the Pariſh of* St. Mark *in the County of* Orange *and Erecting the Same into two diſtinct Pariſhes* was read a Second time.—

Ordered

That the Bill be read the third time.—

An ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *An Act for raiſing Levies and Recruits to Serve in the p^{r}ſent Warr againſt the* Spaniards *in* America was read the Second time and Some Amendments were made to the Bill at the Table.—

The Council proceeded to the Conſideration of the Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes in relation to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill Intituled *an Act to oblige the Juſtices of* Surry *County to repair and Maintain a Bridge over* Notoway *River and to permit a Bridge to be built by Subſcription over* Pamunkey *River and to provide for the Support thereof* and thereupon

Reſolved

That the Council do recede from their Amendment to the Said Bill to which the Houſe have diſagreed.—

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *an Act for raiſing Levies and Recruits to Serve in the p^{r}ſent Warr againſt the* Spaniards *in* America, with the Amendments was read the third time.—

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments do paſs.—

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *an Act for Dividing the Pariſh of* St. Mark *in the County of* Orange *and erecting the Same into two diſtinct Pariſhes* was read the third time.—

Reſolved

That the Bill do paſs.—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them That the Council receed from their Amendment to the Bill Intituled *An Act to oblige the Juſtices of* Surry *County to repair and maintain a Bridge over* Nottoway *River and to permit a Bridge to be built by Subſcription over* Pamunkey *River and to provide for the Support thereof* and have paſſed the Bill with the Amendments agreed to by their Houſe. That the Council have made Some Amendments to the Bill Intituled *An Act for raiſing Levies and Recruits to Serve in the p^{r}ſent Warr againſt the* Spaniards *in* America to which they deſire their Concurrence.—

And have paſſed the Bill Intituled *An Act for dividing the pariſh of* St. Mark *in the County of* Orange *and Erecting the Same into two diſtinct Pariſhes* without any Amendment.—

A Meſſage ffrom the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Beverley* that they have paſſed the Book of Claims to which they deſire the Council's Concurrence.—

A Meſſage ffrom the Houſe of Burgeſſes by M^{r} *ffitzhugh* that they have paſſed a Bill Intituled *An Act for Explaining part of an Act made for amending the* Act for Settling the Titles and Bounds of Lands and for p^{r}venting unlawfull Shooting and ranging thereupon.—

Alſo

Alſo a Bill Intituled *An Act for Eſtabliſhing a Town in* Princeſs Anne *and Confirming the Titles to Lands purchaſed therein.*—

And a Bill Intituled *an act for Appointing Several New fferries and for altering the Days for holding ffairs in the Town of* ffrederickſburg to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council.—

And the Same were Severally read the ffirſt time.—

Ordered

That the Bills be read a Second time.—

The Council having Inſpected the Book of Claims.—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Council have Agreed to the ſaid Book without any Amendment–

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they have paſſed a Bill Intituled *an Act for Veſting certain Slaves Late the Eſtate of* William Chamberlayne *Decd in Truſtees for the Uſes therein mentioned.*—

Another Meſſage ffrom the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney General* That they have Agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill Intituled *an Act for raiſing Levies and Recruits to Serve in this prſent Warr againſt the* Spaniards *in* America.—

Then the Council Adjourned till *Monday* Morning Eleven A Clock.—

Monday June 16. 1740

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe & Philip Lightfoot Eſqrs

An ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *An Act for Veſting certain Slaves late the Eſtate of William Chamberlayne Decd in Truſtees for the Uſes therein mentioned* was read the ffirſt time.—

Ordered

That the Bill be read a Second time.—

An ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *An Act for Explaining part of* An Act made for Amending the *Act for Settling the Titles and Bounds of Lands and for prventing unlawfull Shooting and ranging thereupon* was read the Second time.—

And the Queſtion being put.

That the Bill be read a third time.—

It paſſed in the Negative.—

Reſolved

That the Bill be rejected.—

Two other ingroſſed Bills ffrom the Houſe of Burgeſſes to wit.—

A Bill Intituled *an Act for Eſtabliſhing a Town in* Princeſs Anne *and confirming the Titles to Lands purchaſed therein.*—

And a Bill for appointing Several New fferries and for altering the Days for holding ffairs in the Town of *ffrederickſburg* were Severally read the Second time.—

Ordered

That the Bills be read the third time.—

And they were read the third time accordingly

Reſolved

That the Bills do paſs.—

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they have paſſed the Treaſurers Accounts and deſire the Concurrence of the Council.—

The Council proceeded to the Examination of the Treaſurers Accounts and paſſed the Same.—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Council have Agreed to the Bill Intituled *An Act for Eſtabliſhing a Town in* Princeſs Anne *and confirming the Titles to Lands purchaſed therein.*—

And

And alſo to the Bill Intituled *an Act for appointing Several New fferries and for altering the Days for holding ffairs in the Town of* ffrederickſburg without any Amendment.—

And that they have paſſed the Treaſurers Accounts.—

A Meſſage ffrom the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway*—

That they have paſſed a Bill Intituled *An Act for raiſing a Public Levy* to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *An Act for raiſing a Public Levey* was read the firſt time.—

Ordered

That the Bill be read a Second time.—

An ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *An Act for veſting certain Slaves Late the Eſtate of* William Chamberlayne *Decd in Truſtees for the Uſes therein mentioned* was read the Second time.—

Ordered

That the Bill be read a third time.—

And the Bill was read the third time accordingly and after a Debate.—

Reſolved.—

That the Bill do paſs.—

An Ingroſſed Bill ffrom the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *an act for raiſing a Public Levy* was read the Second time.—

Ordered

That the Bill be read a third time.—

And the Bill was read the third time accordingly.—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the Bill Intituled *an Act for Veſting Slaves late the Eſtate of* William Chamberlayne *Deceaſed in Truſtees for the Uſes therein mentioned.*—

And to the Bill Intituled *An Act for raiſing a Public Levy* without any Amendment.—

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.

Tueſday June 17. 1740.

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe & Philip Lightfoot Eſqrs

Mr *Beverley* ffrom the Houſe of Burgeſſes brought up the Inrolled Bills to be peruſed by the Council.—

A Meſſage ffrom the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* That they have agreed to the Book of Proportions to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council.—

And the Council having inſpected the Inrolled Bills and the Book of Proportions.—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and return the Inrolled Bills and the Book of Proportions and acquaint them That the Council have inſpected the Inrolled Bills and are Satisfied they are truly inrolled, and have agreed to the Book of Proportions.—

The Governor Preſent.

A Petition of *William Parks*, Printer, was read, Setting forth that by a Vote of the Houſe of Burgeſſes he is to print Notes and accounts for the Uſe of the Inſpectors for his Annual Sallary which hitherto have been paid for as a diſtinct article not included within the Services for which his Sallary was Settled; and praying that his Sallary may be paid him as heretofore.—

Reſolved

That the ſaid Petition be recomended to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.—

Ordered

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them That the Governor comands their imediate Attendance in the Council Chamber and that they bring with them the Inrolled Bills.—

The Houſe of Burgeſſes Attending Mr *Speaker* Addreſſing himſelf to the Governor Spake as ffollows.—

Sir

The Houſe of Burgeſſes in Obedience to Your Comands do now Attend You for Your Aſſent to Such Bills as have paſſed the Council and this Houſe this Seſſion.—

Then the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the ffollowing Public and private Bills, to wit.–[For the 15 enumerated Acts, see J. of H. of B., p. 434.]

And then made the ffollowing Speech.—

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.*—

To finiſh the Buſineſs of this Colony . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 434.]

Exd *Benja Needler*

Clerk of the General Aſſembly

A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg* on *ffriday* the ffirſt Day of *Auguſt* in the Ninth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second by the Grace of God of *Great Britain ffrance* and *Ireland* King Defender of the ffaith &c. And from thence continued by Several Prorogations to the Twenty ſſirſt Day of *Auguſt* in the ffourteenth Year of his Said Majeſty's Reign and in the Year of Our Lord 1740. and then held before the honourable *William Gooch* Eſq^r His Majeſtys Lieutenant Governor and Comander in Cheif of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia.*—

Being the fourth Seſſion of this preſent General Aſſembly—

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THE JOURNAL OF THE COUNCIL

Thurfday Auguft 21. 1740

Prefent

THE Govern^r, *Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, William Randolph, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Efq^rs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go down to the Houfe of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Govern^r Comands their imediate Attendance in the Council Chamber—

And the Burgeffes Attending accordingly

The Governor was pleafed to make the ffollowing Speech.—

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, *and Gentlemen of the Houfe of Burgeffes,*

The Preparations for carrying . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1727-1740, pp. 437-8.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew

The Governor Abfent

Refolved, Nemine Contradicente—

That an Humble Addrefs be made to the Governor to return him the thanks of the Council for his Speech at the opening of this Seffion; to acknowledge his Majefty's Care and Concern for thefe remote parts of his Dominions; and to Exprefs the Sence we have of the Obligations we lie under to contribute all we can towards the Profecution of So juft a War. And it is referred to *John Carter, John Grymes* and *Thomas Lee* Efq^rs to prepare and bring in the Same.

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.—

ffryday Auguft 22. 1740

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee Efq^rs

John Carter Efq^r reported That the Perfons appointed had according to order prepared an addrefs to the Govern^r and the Same was read and agreed to without any amendment and is as ffollows

To the Honourable William Gooch *Efq^r his Majefty's Lieutenant Governor and Comander in Cheif of the Colony and Dominion of* Virginia

The Humble Addrefs of the Council

Sir

We his Majefty's moft Dutifull and Loial Subjects the Council of *Virginia* return You our thanks for Your Speech at the opening of this Seffion of Affembly.—

If

It is with great Pleafure, that we acknowledge his Majefty's Care and Concern for thefe remote Parts of his Dominions; and as his Majefty's happinefs and that of his People, and the Intereft of the *Britifh* Subjects and thofe of this Colony, muft be infeperable, We Should be wanting to that Gratitude and Love, which we owe to our moft Excellent Sovereign, and to that Affection and good Underftanding which ought alwayes to Subfift between Our Mother Country and Us, if we did not Exert our Selves on this occafion, in contributing all we can towards the Profecution of So juft a War; no lefs neceffary for the Support of the Honour and Dignity of his Majefty's Imperial Crown, than the Protection of the Trade and Comerce of all his Subjects. This will enable us in particular to continue our Annual Remittances of the product of this Country to *Great Britain* and other Ports, raife a confiderable Revenue to his Majefty by the Cuftoms on Tobacco, and give an oppertunity to the *Britifh* Merchants to export large Quantities of their Manufactures.

Thefe Bleffings, *Sir*, muft be very dear to thofe who view their Intereft in a true Light; and we cannot doubt of their being continued to us, whilft You are pleafed to give favourable Reprefentation of our Zeal and Attachment to his Majefty's Roial Perfon ffamily and Government.—

Ordered

That the Said Addrefs be ffairly tranfcribed—

Ordered

That the Perfons who prepared the Said Addrefs do wait on the Governor to know his Pleafure when the Council Shall prfent it.—

John Carter Efqr reported That the Perfons appointed had according to Order attended the Governor and he was pleafed to Say He would receive the Addrefs of the Council this Morning at his own Houfe.—

James Blair Efqr reported That the Council had Attended the Governor and that he had prfented their Addrefs to him To which the Governor was pleafed to give the following Anfwer.—

Gentlemen

I thank You for this very Dutiful and Loial Addrefs. The juft Sence You have, that Your happinefs is infeperable from that of his Majefty and Your Mother Country, gives me the Strongeft Affurance that nothing Will be wanting, on Your parts, to contribute towards carrying on the War, which his Majefty entered into for the Protection of his Trading Subjects; and I affure You that, during my Adminiftration, You cannot want a faithfull Witnefs of Your Zeal and Attachment to his Majefty's Perfon and Government.—

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.—

Saturday Auguft 23. 1740

Prefent

JAMES BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee Efqrs

The Council having nothing before them Adjourned till *Monday* Morning Eleven A Clock.—

Monday Auguft 25. 1740

Prefent

THE Governor, *James Blair, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee* Efqrs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go down to the Houfe of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Governr is now ready to receive their Addrefs in the Council Chamber.—

The

The Burgeſſes came up and Mr *Speaker* on their behalf Addreſſed the Governor as follows.—

Sir

We his Majeſtys moſt Dutiful . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., pp. 438-9.]

To which Addreſs the Governor was pleaſed to make the ffollowing Anſwer.—

Gentlemen—

I thank You for Your Dutiful . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 439.]

Then the Burgeſſes withdrew.—

And the Council having nothing before them Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.—

Tueſday Auguſt 26. 1740.

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Carter, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee Eſqrs

The Council having nothing before them adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.—

Wedneſday Auguſt 27. 1740

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* and Several other of their Members. That they have paſſed a Bill Intituled *an Act for giving to his Majeſty the Sum of ffive thouſand pounds towards defraying the Expence of Victualling and Tranſporting the Souldiers raiſed in this Colony to Serve his Majeſty on an Intended Expedition againſt the* Spaniards *in the* Weſt Indies to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council.—

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Houſe of Burgeſſes Intituled *an Act for giving to his Majeſty the Sum of ffive thouſand pounds towards defraying the Expence of Victualling and Tranſporting the Souldiers raiſed in this Colony to Serve his Majeſty on an Intended Expedition againſt the* Spaniards *in the* Weſt Indies was read the ffirſt time.—

Ordered

That the Bill be read a Second time.—

And the Bill was read a Second time—

Ordered

That the Bill be read a third time

And the Bill was read the third time accordingly—

Reſolved Nemine Contradicente

That the Bill do paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them That the Council have agreed to the Bill Intituled *an Act for giving to his Majeſty the Sum of ffive thouſand Pounds towards defraying the Expence of Victualling and Tranſporting the Souldiers raiſed in this Colony to Serve his Majeſty on an Intended Expedition againſt the* Spaniards *in the* Weſt Indies, without any Amendment.

Then the Council having nothing further before them Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven a Clock.

Thurſday

Thurſday Auguſt 28. 1740

Preſent

JAMES BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot & Thomas Lee Eſq^{rs}

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by M^{r} *ffitzhugh* that they have prepared an Addreſs to the King and a Petition to the Houſe of Coñons, for the Same Liberty of Importing Salt from *Europe* as moſt of the Northern Colonies have & that they deſire the Council to join with them in the ſaid Addreſs and Petition.—

And the ſaid Addreſs and Petition were Severally read.—

And the Queſtion being put That the Council do agree to join with the Houſe of Burgeſſes in the Said Addreſs and Petition.

It paſſed in the Negative.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by M^{r} *ffitzhugh* That they have come to [a] Reſolution to appoint Mr *Edward Randolph* agent to Negotiate the Addreſs to his Majeſty and Petition to the Houſe of Coñons to which they deſire the Council's Concurrence.—

And the Queſtion being put that the Council do Concur in the Said Reſolution—

It paſſed in the Negative

A Meſſage ffrom the Houſe of Burgeſſes by M^{r} *ffitzhugh* that they have come to a Reſolution concerning the payment to the Officers of the General Aſſembly to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council.—

And the Reſolution was read.

And the Queſtion being put That the Council do agree to the Said Reſolution.—

Reſolved

In the Affirmative—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council do agree to the Reſolve concerning the payments to the Officers of the General Aſſembly. That they cannot agree to join in the Addreſs to the King, nor in the Petition to the Houſe of Coñons; And that as they cannot agree to join in the Said Addreſs and Petition they think their Concurrence in the Reſolution for appointing an Agent to negotiate them Unneceſſary.

Preſent the Governor—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Govern^{r} Coñands their imediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.—

The Burgeſſes attending accordingly the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the Bill Intituled—

An Act for giving to his Majeſty the Sum of ffive thouſand Pounds towards defraying the Expence of Victualling and Tranſporting the Souldiers raiſed in this Colony to Serve his Majeſty on an Intended Expedition againſt the Spaniards *in the* Weſt Indies.—

And to the Reſolve concerning the payments to the Officers of the General Aſſembly.—

Then Mr *Speaker* acquainted the Govern^{r} That the Houſe of Burgeſſes had prepared an Addreſs to the King and a Petition to the Houſe of Coñons for Liberty to import Salt from *Europe*, And that they deſire He would Uſe his Intereſt That the Said Addreſs and Petition might meet with a favourable Reception.—

Whereto the Governor Anſwered that they might depend upon his doing every thing in his power to Serve them

And then made the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.—*

I give you my hearty Thanks . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 442.]

Ex^{d} *Benj^{a} Needler*

Clerk of the General Aſſembly

AT A

GENERALL ASSEMBLY

Summon'd to meet at the Capitol the 28th Day of November 1741, and thence by Sundry Prorogations continued and held the Sixth Day of May 1742 in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second by the Grace of God of *Great Brittain France* and *Ireland* King, Defender of the Faith &c—

Being the firſt ſeſſion of this Preſent Aſſembly.

[From a very early copy of the Journal in the Virginia State Library.]

At a Generall Aſſembly Summon'd to meet at the Capitol the 28th Day of November 1741, and thence by Sundry Prorogations continued and held the Sixth Day of May 1742 in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second by the Grace of God of *Great Brittain France* and *Ireland* King, Defender of the Faith &c— Being the firſt ſeſſion of this Preſent Aſſembly.

[*Thurſday May* 6th, 1742.]

Preſent

THE Honble *William Gooch* Eſqr Lieutent Governor, Mr Comry *Blair*, *Wm Byrd*, *Cole Diggs*, *Jno Robinſon*, *Jno Grymes*, *John Cuſtis*, *William Randolph*, *John Tayloe*, *Philip Lightfoot* & *Thomas Lee* Eſqre

The Governor being Inform'd that Seventy one of the Members return'd Burgeſſes were Sworn & now met in their Houſe,

Order'd

That the Clk of the Generall Aſſembly Accquaint them that the Governor Commands their Immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber

Accordingly the Burgeſſes Attending

The Governor Commanded them to return to their Houſe and make choice of a Speaker

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* & others, That the Burgeſſes had made choice of a Speaker, & deſired to know when & where they ſhall attend to preſent him

The Governor anſwer'd, that he would return an anſwer by a Meſſenger of his own.

Order'd

That the Clk of the Generall Aſſembly go down, & accquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes, that the Governor appoints the preſent time for the Houſe to preſent their Speaker in the Council Chamber

The Burgeſſes attending, preſented *John Robinſon* Junr Eſqr as their Speaker, who being approved by the Governour made the uſuale Petns, for Security of their Perſons & eſtates from Arreſts & Proſecutions, for freedom of Speech in their Houſe, a Power over their own Members & laſtly that none of his failings or miſtakes might be imputed to the Houſe

All wch Priviledges the Governor was pleaſed to confirm

And then made the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, *& Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

As the care and concern of Societies, too numerous . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1742-1749, p. 4.]

The Governour Abſent

Reſolved

That an Humble Addreſs be prepared to return the Hearty thanks of this Houſe to the Governor for his Affectionate Speech— To Congratulate him upon his ſafe Return, and—To aſſure him, this Houſe will be always ready to Concur with him in all Meaſures, for his Majeſties Service and the Good of the Country

And a Committee was Appointed to prepare the Same Accordingly

And then the Houſe Adjourn'd till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

Friday

Friday May 7th 1742

Prefent

MR COMMISSARY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Diggs, John Robinfon, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee* Efqrs

John Tayloe Efqr from the Committee Appointed to prepare an addrefs to the Governor reports, that they had prepared the fame Accordingly

And the Addrefs being read and fome Amendments made thereto

Ordered That the Said Addrefs be fairly tranfcribed.

Ordered That the Committee who prepared the Addrefs, do wait upon the Governor to Know when he will be attended with the faid Addrefs

And then the Houfe Ajourn'd till to Morrow Morning Eleven of ye Clock.

Saturday May 8th 1742.

Prefent

COLE *DIGGS, John Robinfon, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Thomas Lee* Efqrs

John Tayloe Efqr from the Committee appointed to wait upon the Governor, reports that they had accordingly waited upon his Honour, & he was Pleafed to Say, he would be ready in the Council Chamber this Day at one of the Clock to receive the Addrefs of this Houfe.

The Governor Prefent

Cole Diggs Efqr in behalf of the Council prefented the addrefs to the Governor as follows

We his Majefties Moft dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Council of *Virginia*, met in Generall Affembly, beg leave, together with our Hearty thanks for yr Affectionate Speech at the opening of this feffions to Join our Sincere Congratulations for your happy return to the Government of this Colony. Our Joy, upon the Gratification of our wifhes for your Welfare, was equal, to our Anxiety during your abfence upon fo hazardous an Expedition.

We can Affure yr Honour, your Confidence is well grounded, that we are met together with a firm Refolution, to give the greateft Attention to the Intereft of the Publick; and as we have had fo long experience of yr adminiftration being Unalterably fix'd upon that Principle, the Good of whole, we fhould be exceedingly wanting to our felves, fhould we not Concur with you in all proper Meafures and ufe our Zealous Endeavours to promote fo great an End.

We are fully fenfible Nothing can add to our prefent Happinefs in the full enjoyment of our Religious & Civil Rights, but ye receiving frefh tokens of our being protected in thofe Invaluable Bleffings; and therefore, *Sir*, you may be affured, that our Behaviour on all Occafions fhall be fuch as to deferve the Continuance of yr purfuing his Majefty's Commands, with yr ufual regard and concern for us. The Paternal care, wch his Majefty has fhewn in extending his Protection, during the War, to the remoteft of his Subjects, gives us Hopes; that by the bleffing of God, the Greatnefs of his Majefty's Mind, and the Wifdom of his Councils, will prevail Over the defigns of his Enemies; & foon procure an Honourable and lafting Peace to all his Subjects the fole View of his Majefty's entring into this Juft and Neceffary War.

To wch Addrefs the Governor was Pleafed to return the following Anfwer

Gentlemen

I Return you thanks for this very Obliging Addrefs. Your Kind Concern for my Welfare during my Abfence upon the late expedition, would, if Poffible, lay me under ftill greater Obligations to promote the Happinefs & Profperity of the Colony. My Adminiftration

Adminiſtration having received So ample a teſtimony of y^r Approbation, I ſhall always make it my Study to Merit by my future Conduct, the Continuance of y^r affection and eſteem.

And then the Houſe Adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning Eleven of the Clock—

Monday May 10.

Preſent

THE Govr, Mr Commiſſary *Blair, Cole Diggs, John Robinſon, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Thomas Lee* Eſqr^s

Order'd

That the Cl^k of the Gen^ll Aſſembly go to ye Burgeſſes and Accquaint them that the Govr is ready in ye Council Chamber to receive their Addreſs.

Accordingly the Burgeſſes Attended and the Speaker preſented their Addreſs as follows

Sir,

We his Maties moſt Dutifull & Loyal Subjects . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 6.]

To Which Addreſs the Governor was pleaſed to return the following Anſwer

Gentlemen,

I return you my ſincere and hearty Thanks . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 9.]

And then the Houſe Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Eleven of the Clock.

Tueſday May 11th 1742.

Preſent.

MR COMISSARY *BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee* Eſqr^s

The Houſe having no buſineſs before them

Adjourned till to morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock

Wedneſday May 12th 1742.

Preſent

MR COMMISSARY *BLAIR, John Robinſon, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee* Eſq^rs

The Houſe having no Buſineſs before them

Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Eleven of the Clock

Thurſday May 13th 1742

Preſent

JOHN ROBINSON, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee Eſq^rs

The Houſe having no Buſineſs before them

Adjourned till to morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock

Friday May 14th 1742.

Preſent

JOHN ROBINSON, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee Eſq^rs

The Houſe having no buſineſs before them

Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday

Saturday May 15th

Prefent

MR COMMISSARY *BLAIR, John Robinfon, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee* Efqrs

The Houfe having no Bufinefs before them

Adjourned 'till *Monday* Morning Eleven of the Clock

Monday May 17th

Prefent

MR COMMISSARY *BLAIR, John Robinfon, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Thomas Lee* Efqrs

The Houfe having no Bufinefs before them

Adjourned till to morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Tuefday May 18th

Prefent

COLE DIGGES, John Robinfon, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee Efqrs

The Houfe having no Bufinefs before them

Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Eleven of the Clock.

Wednefday May the 19th

Prefent

MR COMMISARY *BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee* Efqrs

The Houfe having no Bufinefs before them

Adjourned till to morrow morning Eleven of the Clock

Thurfday May 20th

Prefent

COLE DIGGES, John Robinfon, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee Efqrs

A meffage from the Burgeffes, by Mr *Attorney* and Mr *Fairfax* that they had Paffed a Bill entitled *an Act for repealing the Act entitled* an Act for the better Security of the Country, in the prefent time of Danger, *as to fo much thereof as relates to the Training Muftering and Exercifing the Militia*, to which they defire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read a firft Time

Refolved

That the faid Bill be read a fecond Time

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Fairfax*, that they had paffed a Bill, entitled *an Act for the Dividing the County of* Prince William to which they defire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read a firft Time

Refolved

That the faid Bill be read a fecond time

Adjourned 'till to morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock

Friday

Friday May 21ſt

Preſent

MR COMMISSARY *BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thoms Lee* Eſqrs

A Bill entitled *an Act, for repealing the Act entitled* an Act for the better ſecurity of the Country in the Preſent time of Danger, *as to ſo much thereof, as relates to the Training Muſtering & Exerciſing the Militia,* read the ſecond time

Reſolved

that the ſaid Bill be read a third time

A Bill entitled *an Act for Dividing the County of* Prince William, read the ſecond time.

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be committed for Amendments

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock

Saturday May 22d

Preſent

COLE DIGGES, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fitzhugh* & others that they have paſſed a Bill entitled *an Act for Diſſolving the Preſent Veſtries in this Colony, and Electing new Veſtries & other Purpoſes therein mentioned* to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read a firſt Time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time

Adjourned 'till *Monday* Morning Eleven of the Clock

Monday May 24th

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, Wm Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Bill entitled *an Act, for Diſſolving the preſent Veſtries in this Colony, and electing New Veſtries, and other purpoſes therein Mentioned.*

Read the ſecond time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be committed for Amendments

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* that they had paſſed a Bill entitled *an Act to enable* Frances Greenhill *to ſell and diſpoſe of her Lands and other Eſtate, by Deed or Will, notwithſtanding her Huſband* Joſeph Greenhill, *ſhould happen to be living, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,* to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read a firſt time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time to morrow morning

Ordered

That all Parties be ready to prove the Truth of the Allegations of the ſaid Bill to Morrow Morning

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney*, that they had paſſed a Bill, entitled *an Act for Continuing the Act entitled* An Act, for laying a Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyer to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read a firſt time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock

Tueſday May 25th

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

The Amendments to the Bill entitled *an Act for dividing the County of* Prince William, were read, and agreed to.

And then the Bill with the Amendments was read the third time.

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes, and deſire their concurrence to the ſaid amendments.

A Bill entitled *an Act for Continuing the Act entitled* an Act for laying a Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyer,

Read a Second Time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be read a third time immediately

A Bill entitled *an Act for continuing the Act entitled* an Act for Laying a Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyer

Read a third time & agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly, carry the Bill to the Burgeſſes, and Acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the ſame without any Amendment

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock

Wedneſday May 26th

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fitzhugh* that they had Paſſed a Bill entitled *an Act for dividing the County of* Hanover *& erecting the upper part thereof into a Diſtinct County*, as alſo a Bill entitled *an Act for continuing the Act entitled* an Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of *Frederickſburg*, as alſo a Bill entitled *an Act for dividing the County of* King & Queen, *and adding the upper part thereof to the County of* Caroline to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bills were read a firſt time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bills be read a Second time

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock

Thurday

Thurſday May 27th

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Bill entitled *an Act for Dividing the County of* Hanover *and erecting the upper Part thereof into a Diſtinct County*

Read the ſecond time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be read a Third time

A Bill entitled *an Act for continuing the Act entitled* an Act, for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of *Frederickſburg*

Read the ſecond time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be read a third time

A Bill entitled *an Act for dividing the County of* King & Queen *and adding the upper part thereof to the County of* Caroline

Read the ſecond time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be committed for Amendments

A Bill entitled *an Act for repealing the* Act for the Better ſecurity of the Country in the preſent time of Danger *as to ſo much thereof as relates to the Training Muſtering and Exerciſing the Militia*

Read the third time

And the Queſtion being put that the Bill be agreed to *it paſſed in the Negative*

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be rejected

Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock

Fryday May 28

Preſent

MR COMMISSARY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, Willm Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Bill entitled *an Act for dividing the County of* Hanover & *Erecting the Upper part thereof into a Diſtinct County*

Read the third time

Reſolved

that the Bill be agreed to

A Bill entitled *an Act for Continuing the Act Entitled* an Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of *Frederickſburg*

Read the third time

Reſolved that the ſaid Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bills to the Burgeſſes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment

A Bill entitled *an Act for Diſſolving the Preſent Veſtries in this Colony and electing New Veſtries, and other purpoſes therein mentioned*

Read the third time

And the Queſtion being put that the Bill be agreed to *it paſſed in the Negative*

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be rejected

John Robinſon Eſqr according to Order brought in a Bill entitled *An Act for Explaining and amending the Act entitled* Veſtries appointed

Which

Which Bill was read a firſt Time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* and others that they had paſſed a Bill entitled *an Act for deſtroying Crows & Squirrels on the* Eaſtern Shore, to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read a firſt time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fairfax* & others that they had agreed to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill entitled *an Act for dividing the County of* Prince William

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Power* that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act, to veſt certain entailed Lands, parcel of a greater Tract therein Mentioned in* George Braxton *the Younger in Fee Simple and for the Settling other Lands of Greater Value to the ſame Uſes* to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was Read a firſt Time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time on *Monday* Next

Ordered

That all Parties be ready on *Monday* Morning Next to make out the Truthe of the Allegations in the ſaid Bill

Adjourned 'till to morrow Morning Ten of the Clock

Saturday May 29th

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Bill Entitled *an Act for explaining and amending the Act Entitled* Veſtries Appointed

Read the ſecond time and amended at the Table

Ordered

That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed

A Bill entitled *an Act for deſtroying Crows & Squerrils on the* Eaſtern Shore

Read the ſecond time

Reſolved

That the Bill be read a third time

Adjourned 'till *Monday* Morning Ten of the Clock

Monday May 31ſt

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

An Ingroſſed Bill entitled *An Act for Explaining and Amending the Act entitled* Veſtries Appointed

Read the third Time

Reſolved

That the Bill do Paſs

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes, & deſire their Concurrence thereto.

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A Bill entitled *an Act for Deſtroying Crows & Squirrels on the* Eaſtern Shore
Read the third time
Reſolved
That the ſaid Bill be agreed to
Ordered
That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes, and Acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment
Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning Ten of the Clock

Tueſday June 1ſt

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Petition of the Inhabitants of that Part of *Orange* County deſigned for a New County to be called *Auguſta* County for laying a Tax upon themſelves, for Killing Wolves was read
Reſolved
That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes
A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Beverley* that they had paſſed a Bill entitled *an Act for enabling the Juſtices of County Courts to make Contracts, which may be binding upon themſelves and their Succeſſors* to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council
Which Bill was read a firſt Time
Reſolved
That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time
Adjourned 'till to morrow Morning Ten of the Clock

Wedneſday June 2d

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Bill entitled *an Act for Enabling the Juſtices of the County Courts to make Contracts which may be binding upon themſelves and their Succeſſors*
Read the Second time
Reſolved
That the ſame be read a third time immediately
And being Accordingly read a third Time
Reſolved
that the ſame be agreed to
Order'd That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment
Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Ten of the Clock

Thurſday June 3d

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* that they had come to a Reſolution, to allow Mr *Parks* 230 Pounds ℔ *Annum* for his Services for the Publick to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council
Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning Ten of the Clock

Fryday

Fryday June the 4-1742

Prefent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Thomas Lee* Efqrs

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Fitzhugh* & others, that they had paffed a Bill Entitled *an Act to Oblige the Infpectors to Attend at the Ware Houfes till the laft Day of* Auguft *in this prefent Year*, to which they defire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read three times

Refolved

that the faid Bill be agreed to

Ordered

that the Clerk of the General Affembly, carry the Bill to the Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment.

Ordered

that he likewife acquaint them that the Council have likewife agreed to their Refolution to allow Mr *Parks* 230 li ℔ *Annum* for his Services for the Publick

Adjourned till to morrow Morning Ten of the Clock

Saturday June 5th 1742

Prefent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Thomas Lee* Efqrs

The Houfe having no Bufinefs before them

Adjourned 'till *Monday* Morning Ten of the Clock

Monday June 7th

Prefent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Thomas Lee* Efqrs

A Bill Entitled *an Act, for Dividing the County of* King *&* Queen *and adding the upper part thereof to the County of* Caroline,

Read the third time and an Amendment being made at the Table

Refolved

that the Bill with the faid Amendment be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly, do carry the Bill to the Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto with an Amendment to which they defire their Concurrence

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Ten of the Clock

Tuefday June 8th

Prefent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Thomas Lee* Efqrs

Adjourned Till to Morrow Morning Ten of the Clock

Wednefday

Wednesday June 9th

Present

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinson, John Grymes, John Custis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Thomas Lee* Esqrs

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Ten of the Clock

Thursday June 10th

Present

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinson, John Grymes, John Custis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Thomas Lee* Esqrs

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Reddick*, that they had passed a Bill Entitled *an Act for the Releif of those Persons, who were Sufferers in the Loss of the Records of the County of* Nansemond *whose Cases have not already been Provided for*, to which they desire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read the first time

Resolved

That the Bill be read a second Time

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Fitzhugh*, that they had passed a Bill Entitled *an Act, for providing Publick Seals for the several County Courts in this Colony*, to which they Desire the Concurence of the Council.

Which Bill was Read a first Time

Resolved

That the Bill be read a second Time

A Message from the Burgesses, by *Randolph* & Others that they had passed a Bill Entitled *an Act, for reducing the Laws made for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs into one Act of Assembly* to which they Desire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read a first Time

Resolved

That the said Bill be read a second Time.

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Ten of the Clock

Friday June 11th

Present

MR COMMISSARY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinson, John Grymes, John Custis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Thomas Lee* Esqrs

A Bill Entitled *an Act for providing Publick Seals for the several County Courts of this Colony*

Read the second time

Resolved

that the said Bill be read a third Time

A Bill Entitled *an Act for the Releif of those Persons, who were sufferers in the loss of the Records of the County of* Nansemond *whose Cases have not been already provided for.*

Read the second Time

Resolved

That the said Bill be read a third time

A Bill Entitled *an Act, to Enable* Frances Greenhill *to sell and Dispose of her Lands and other Estate by Deed or Will, notwithstanding her Husband* Joseph Greenhill *should happen to be living, and for other purposes therein Mentioned*

Read

Read the ſecond time, and the Allegations thereof being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council,

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be Committed for Amendments

A Bill Entitled *an Act, to Veſt Certain entailed Lands, parcel of a greater Tract therein Mentioned, in* George Braxton *the Younger in Fee Simple and for ſettling other Lands of Greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*

Read the ſecond Time, and the Allegations thereof being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council

Reſolved

That the Bill be read a third time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* & Others, that they had paſſed a Bill entitled *an Act for Inſpecting, weighing, and Stamping all Pork & Beef packed in this Colony, or imported for ſale before the ſame ſhall be ſold here, or ſhipped for Exportation and to amend the Act Entitled* an Act for aſcertaining the Guage of Barrels for Pork Beef Tar and Pitch to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read a firſt time.

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney*, that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act, for continuing and amending the Act Entitled* an Act for laying a Duty upon Liquors, to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read a Firſt Time

Reſolved that the ſaid Bill be read a Second time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Harris*, that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act for dividing the Pariſh of* St. Martin *in the County of* Hanover, *and erecting the ſame into Two diſtinct Pariſhes*, to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was Read a firſt Time

Reſolved

That the Bill be read a ſecond time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Waller* & others that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act for Preventing the Building of Wooden Chimneys in the Town of* Fredericksburg, *and Pulling down ſuch as are already built therein and to reſtrain Hoggs from going at large in the Towns of* Frederickſburg *and* Urbanna, to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read a firſt Time

Reſolved

that the Bill be read a ſecond Time

A Bill Entitled *an Act for Reducing the Laws made for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, into one Act of Aſſembly,*

Read the ſecond time and ſeveral amendments being made thereto at the Table,

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments be read a third time.

Adjourned Till to Morrow Morning Ten of the Clock

Saturday June 12 1742

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Bill Entitled *an Act for Reducing the Laws made for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms into one Act of Aſſembly*

Read

Read the third time, with the Several Amendments made thereto

Refolved

That the Bill with the faid Amendments be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the faid Bill to the Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto with several Amendments to which they Defire their Concurrence

A Bill Entitled *an Act to veft certain entailed Lands Parcel of a Greater Tract therein mentioned, in* George Braxton *the Younger in Fee Simple and for fettling other Lands of greater Value to the fame Ufes*

Read the third Time

Refolved

That The Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the Bill to the Burgeffes and Acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment

A Bill Entitled *an Act, for continuing and Amending the Act Entitled* an Act for laying a Duty upon Liquors

Read a Second Time, and Several Amendments being made thereto at the Table

Refolved

That the Bill with the Amendments be read a third time

A Bill Entitled *an Act, to Enable* Frances Greenhill *to Sell and Difpofe of her Lands, and other Eftate by Deed or Will notwithftanding her Hufband* Jofeph Greenhill *fhould happen to be living, and other Purpofes therein Mentioned*

Read the third time with the Amendments

Refolved

That the Bill with the Amendments be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly Carry the Bill to the Burgeffes, & Acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto with feveral Amendments to which they Defire their Concurrence

The Council proceeded to the Confideration of the Burgeffes Amendment to their Amendment propofed to the Bill entitled *an Act for Dividing the County of* King *&* Queen *and Adding the Upper part thereof to the County of* Caroline

Refolved

That the faid Amendment be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly, do Acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the faid Amendment

A Bill Entitled *an Act for Preventing the Building of Wooden Chimneys in the Town of* Frederickfburg, *and Pulling down fuch as are already built therein, and to Reftrain Hoggs from Going at Large in the Towns of* Frederickfburg *&* Urbanna

Read the Second Time

Refolved

That the Bill be read a Third Time

A Bill Entitled *an Act for Providing Publick Seals, for the feveral Counties of this Colony.*

Read the third Time

Refolved that the Bill be rejected

A Bill Entitled *an Act for the Releif of thofe Perfons, who were Sufferers in the Lofs of the Records of the County of* Nanfemond, *whofe Cafes have not already been provided for*

Read the Third time

Refolved

That the Bill be agreed to

Ordered

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the Bill to the Burgeſſes, and Acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment

A Bill Entitled *an Act, for Dividing the Pariſh of* St Martin *in the County of* Hanover, *and erecting the ſame into Two Diſtinct Pariſhes.*

Read the Second time

Reſolved

That the ſame be Read a third time immediately

And being read the third time Accordingly

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the Bill to the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment.

A Bill Entitled *an Act for Inſpecting weighing & Stamping all Pork & Beef packed in this Colony, or imported for ſale before the ſame ſhall be ſold here or ſhipped for Exportation, and to amend the Act Entitled* an Act for Aſcertaining the Gauge of Barrel for Pork, Beef, Tar & Pitch

Read a ſecond time

Reſolved, that the ſame be committed for Amendments

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* and others that they have agreed to ſome of the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Bill Entitled *an Act for reducing the Laws made for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, into one Act of Aſſembly*, and that to others they have Diſagreed, and deſiring the Council will paſs the Bill with ſuch Amendments as the Burgeſſes have agreed to

And the Council taking the ſame into their Conſideration

Reſolved

That the amendments diſagreed to by the Burgeſſes be receded from.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly, acquaint the Burgeſſes, that the Council have receded from their Amendments to the ſaid Bill, which were diſagreed to by the Burgeſſes

Adjourned till *Monday* Morning Ten of the Clock

Monday June 14th 1742

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney*, that they have Agreed to the Councils Amendments to the Bill Entitled *an Act to Enable* Frances Greenhill *to Sell and Diſpoſe of her Lands and other Eſtate by Deed or Will Notwithſtanding her Huſband* Joſeph Greenhill *ſhould happen to be living, and for other Purpoſes therein Mentioned*

A Bill Entitled *an Act for Inſpecting, Weighing & Stamping all Pork and Beef Packed in this Colony, or imported for Sale before the ſame ſhall be ſold here or Shipped for Exportation, and to amend the Act Entitled* an Act for Aſcertaining the Gauge of Barrels for Pork, Beef, Tar & Pitch

Read the third time with the Amendments

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendments be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the Bill to the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto with ſeveral Amendments to which they Deſire their Concurrence

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney* and others, that they had Paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act for continuing the* Act for laying an Additional Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyer, and for encouraging Perſons to enliſt in his Majeſty's Service, and for preventing Deſertion, as to ſo much thereof as relates to the ſaid Additional Duty, as alſo a Bill Entitled *an Act for Explaining the Charter Granted to the City of* Williamſburg, *and for Enlarging the Juriſdiction of the Court of Huſtings in the ſaid City* to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bills were ſeverally read the firſt time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bills be read a ſecond time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney*, that they have diſagreed to the Amendment propoſed by the Council, to the Bill Entitled *an Act for continuing and amending the Act Entitled* an Act for laying a Duty upon Liquors, and that they deſire the Council to paſs the Bill without that Amendment

Which Meſſage the Council taking into immediate Conſideration

Reſolved

That the ſaid Amendment be inſiſted upon

Ordered

that the Clerk of the General Aſſembly, do acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council cannot recede from the ſaid Amendment

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Beverley*, that they have paſſed the Book of Claims, to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fitzhugh*, that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act, for appointing ſeveral New Ferries, and altering the Name of a former Ferry, and other purpoſes therein Mentioned* to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read a firſt Time

Reſolved

That the Bill be read a ſecond Time

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Ten of the Clock

Tueſday June 15th 1742

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, John Tayloe, Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act to explain and amend part of* an Act directing the Duty of Surveyors of Land, and aſcertaining their Fees *as to ſo much thereof as Relates to Iſſuing Plots or Copies of Surveys* to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was Read a firſt time

Reſolved

That the ſame be read a ſecond time immediately

And being Accordingly Read

Reſolved That the Bill be read a third time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Waller*, that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act, to veſt certain Lands therein mentioned, in the feofees and Truſtees of the Town of* Frederickſburg to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read a firſt time

Reſolved That the ſame be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Reddick* that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act, for Erecting a Town at* Conſtances *Warehouſe in the County of* Nanſemond, to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was Read a firſt time

Reſolved That the ſame be read a ſecond time

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The Book of Claims being Confidered was agreed to by the Council

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly do carry the fame to the Burgeffes and Acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto

A Bill Entitled *an Act for Continuing the* Act for laying an Additional Duty upon flaves to be paid by the Buyer, and for Encouraging Perfons to enlift in his Majefty's Service, and for preventing Defertion, *as to fo much thereof as relates to the faid Additional Duty—*

Read the fecond time

And the Queftion being put that the Bill be read a third time, *it paffed in the Negative*

Refolved

That the Bill be rejected

A Bill Entitled *an Act for Explaining the Charter granted to the City of* Williamfburg, *and for Enlarging the Jurifdiction of the Court of Huftings in the faid City*

Read The fecond Time

Refolved

That the fame be read a third time immediately

And being Accordingly Read

Refolved that the Bill be agreed to

Ordered that the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the Bill to the Burgeffes and Acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment

A Bill Entitled *an Act for Appointing feveral new Ferries and altering the Name of a former Ferry, and other Purpofes therein Mentioned*

Read the fecond time

Refolved

That the fame be read a third time immediately

And being read Accordingly

Refolved that the fame be agreed to

Ordered that the Clerk of the General Affembly do carry the Bill to the Burgeffes and Acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Ten of the Clock

Wednefday June 16th 1742

Prefent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, William Byrd, Cole Digges, John Robinfon, John Grymes, John Cuftis, William Randolph, Thomas Lee* Efqrs

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Carter* and others, that they have agreed to the Councils Amendments, to the Bill Entitled *an Act for Infpecting, Weighing, and Stamping all Pork and Beef packed in this Colony, or imported for fale before he fame fhall be fold here, or fhipped for Exportation, and to Amend the Act Entitled* an Act for Afcertaining the Guage of Barrels for Pork, Beef, Tar & Pitch.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney* and others that they cannot recede from their Difagreement, to the Councils Amendment to the Bill Entitled *an Act for laying a Duty upon Liquors*

Which Meffage being taken immediately into Confideration

Refolved

That the faid Amendment be receded from

Ordered

that the Clerk of the General Affembly, do acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have receded from their Amendmt to ye fd Bill

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A Bill Entitled *an Act to Explain and amend part of an Act Entitled* an Act Directing the Duty of Surveyors of Land and Ascertaining their Fees, *as to so much thereof as relates to Issuing Plots or Copies of Surveys*

Read a third Time

Resolved

That the Bill be agreed to

Ordered that the Clerk of the General Assembly Carry the said Bill to the Burgesses and Acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment

A Bill Entitled *an Act for Erecting a Town at* Constance *Ware House in the County of* Nansemond,

Read the second time

Resolved

That the same be read a third time immediately

And being read Accordingly

Resolved

That the Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the said Bill to the Burgesses and Acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment

A Bill Entitled *An Act to vest Certain Lands therein mentioned in the Feofees and Trustees of the Town of* Fredericksburg *and those persons who have purchased under them*

Read the second time and some Amendments being made at the Table

Resolved

That the Bill with the Amendments be Read a third time immediately

And being read Accordingly

Resolved

That the Bill with the Amendments be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly Carry the Bill to the Burgesses and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto with Amendments to which they desire their Concurrence

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Fitzhugh* that they have agreed to the Councils Amendments to the Bill Entitled *an Act to Vest certain Lands therein mentioned in the Feofees and Trustees of the Town of* Fredericksburg, *and those persons who have purchased under them*

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Ten of the Clock

Thursday June 17th 1742

Present

WILLIAM BYRD, Cole Digges, John Robinson, John Grymes, John Custis, William Randolph, Thomas Lee Esqrs

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Fitzhugh*, that they had passed a Bill Entitled *an Act to allow persons not concerned in making Tobacco to discharge levies and officers fees in Money* to which they Desire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read a first time

Resolved

That the same be read a second and third time immediately

And being read Accordingly

Resolved

That the Bill be agreed

A

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fitzhugh* that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act to repeal the Act Entitled* An Act to Prevent frivilous and Vexatious ſuits, and to regulate Attornies practiſing in the County Courts to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was Read a firſt time

Reſolved

That the ſame be read a ſecond & third Time immediately

And being Read Accordingly

Reſolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Weſtwood*, that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act, to impower the Juſtices of* Elizabeth City *County, to erect pounds, and other Purpoſes therein Mentioned*, to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read a firſt time

Reſolved

that the ſame be read a ſecond & Third time immediately

And being Read Accordingly

Reſolved

That the Bill be agreed to

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fitzhugh*, that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly* to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was Read a firſt time

Reſolved

That the ſame be read a ſecond & third time immediately.

And being Read Accordingly

Reſolved

That the bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly do carry the ſaid four Bills to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *McCarty*, that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act for erecting a Town at* Brays *Church in the County of* King George to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read a firſt Time

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time immediately And being read Accordingly & an Amendment made at the Table

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendment be read a third time And being Read Accordingly

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendment be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the Bill to the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Council have Agreed to the ſame with an Amendment to which they Deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph*, that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act for Eſtabliſhing the Town of* Richmond *in the County of* Henrico *and allowing Fairs to be kept therein* to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was Read a firſt time

Reſolved

That the ſame be read a ſecond & third time immediately

And being Read Accordingly

Reſolved

That the Bill be agreed to

Ordered

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the Bill to the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter*, that they have agreed to the Amendment made by the Council, to the Bill Entitled *an Act for Erecting a Town at* Bray's *Church in the County of* King George.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Nelſon*, that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act for Explaining the Law concerning Collectors and Naval Officers Fees* to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read a firſt time

Reſolved

That the ſame be read a ſecond time immediately

And the ſame being read Accordingly an Amendment was made thereto at the Table

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendment be read a third time And being read Accordingly

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendment be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the Bill to the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto with an Amendment to which they Deſire their Concurrence

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway*, that they had ſent up the Book of Proportions for payment of the Publick Claims to which they Deſire Aſſent of the Council

Reſolved

That the ſame be Aſſented to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly, do carry the ſaid Book of Proportions to the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Council have Aſſented thereto

Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Ten of the Clock

Fryday June 18th 1742

[Preſent]

MR COMRY *BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Beverley* that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act for laying a Tax on the Inhabitants of* Auguſta *County, and appropriating the Money thereby Ariſing* to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read a firſt time

Reſolved

That the Bill be read a ſecond and third time immediately

And being Read Accordingly

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be Agreed to

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act, for preventing loſſes from Drivers paſſing with Cattle through this Colony, and for laying a Duty upon Horſes imported* to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read a firſt time

Reſolved

That the ſame be read a ſecond & Third time immediately

And being Read Accordingly

Reſolved

That the Bill be agreed to—

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Reddick* that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act for Preventing Lawyers Exacting and receiving Exorbitant fees* to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was Read a firſt time.

Reſolved

That the ſame be read a ſecond & third time immediately

And being Read accordingly

Reſolved

That the Bill be agreed to

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Burwell* that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act for Appointing a Treaſurer* to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read a firſt time

Reſolved

That the ſame be read a ſecond & third time immediately And being Read Accordingly.

Reſolved

That the Bill be Agreed

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the ſaid four Bills to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Nelſon*, that they cannot agree to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill Entitled *an Act to Explain the Law concerning Collectors and Naval Officers Fees* and deſire the council to paſs the Bill without that amendmt.

Which Meſſage the Council taking into immediate Conſideration

Reſolved

That the ſaid amendment be inſiſted upon

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly acquaint the Burgeſſes, That the Council cannot recede from the ſaid amendment.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Ruffin* that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act, to Oblige the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Albemarle *in the County of* Surry, *to erect a New Church Convenient for the lower Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh* to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read a firſt time

Reſolved that the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time immediately

And being read Accordingly.

The Queſtion being put that it be read a third time *it paſſed in the Negative*

Reſolved

That the Bill be rejected

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Bland*, that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act, for Dividing the Pariſh of* Briſtol *in the County of* Prince George, *and erecting the ſame into two diſtinct Pariſhes and Other Purpoſes therein Mentioned* to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read a firſt Time

Reſolved

That the ſame be read a ſecond time immediately

And being read Accordingly, & an Amendment made thereto at the Table

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendment be read a Third time

And being read Accordingly

Reſolved

That the Bill with the Amendment be agreed to

Ordered

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly Carry the Bill to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto with an Amendment to which they Deſire their Concurence

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter*, that they had paſſed the Treaſurers Accounts to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

Which being Inſpected and the Ballance being £4506. 2: 9

Reſolved

That the ſaid Accounts be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly do carry the ſame to the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* that they had paſſed a Bill Entitled *an Act for raiſing a Publick levy* to which they Deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read a firſt time

Reſolved

That the ſame be read a ſecond and third time immediately

And being Accordingly read

Reſolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the Bill To the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto without any Amendment

Adjourned Till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock

Saturday June 19th 1742

Preſent

MR COMRY *BLAIR, Cole Digges, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, William Randolph, Thomas Lee* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fairfax*, that the Burgeſſes had ſent up the Inrolled Bills for the Inſpection & Examination of the Council

And the ſame being peruſed

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly return the ſame to the Burgeſſes and Acquaint them that the Council are ſatisfied that they are truly Inrolled

Preſent the Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and acquaint them that the Governor comands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, with ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent

The Burgeſſes Accordingly Attending.

The Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills—*Viz*t [For titles of theſe ſee J. of H. of B., pp. 69 & 70.]

And Then his Honour was pleaſed to make the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

We have now finiſhed the Buſineſs of this Seſſion . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 71.]

A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ſummon'd to be held in the City of *Williamſburg* the 28th Day of *November* 1741 and from thence continued by ſeveral Prorogations to *Tueſday* the 4th Day of *September* 1744 in the 18th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* 2d by the Grace of God of *Great Britain France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the Faith &c. and then held before the Honble *William Gooch* Eſqr his Majeſty's Lieutent Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*. Being the 2d Seſſion of this preſent Genl Aſſembly.

[From a very early copy of the Journal in the Virginia State Library.]

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[*Tueſday, September* 4, 1744.]

Preſent

THE Governor, *Cole Diggs, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee, Lewis Burwell & Wm Fairfax* Eſqrs

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly go down and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Governor commands their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly the Burgeſſes attended

And the Governor was pleaſ'd to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

I ſhall deliver to You the pure Dictates and Affections of my Heart,

[See J. of H. of B., 1742-1749, p. 75.]

The Governor Abſent,

Reſolv'd

That an humble addreſs be prepared to return the Governor the hearty Thanks of this Houſe for his Speech, and to aſſure him that this Houſe will always accompany him in every Meaſure towards promoting his Majeſty's Service and the Intereſt of this Colony.

And it was refer'd to *Lewis Burwel* and *Wm Fairfax* Eſqrs to prepare the ſame accordingly.

And then the Houſe Adjourn'd till to Morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Wedneſday Sepr 5th

Preſent

COLE DIGGS, *John Grymes, John Cuſtis, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee, Lewis Burwell, Wm Fairfax* Eſqrs

Lewis Burwell Eſqr reported that the Perſons appointed had according to Order prepar'd an Addreſs to the Governor and the ſame was read & agreed to without any Amendment and is as follows.

To the Honble Wm Gooch *Eſqr his Majeſty's Lieutenant Govr & Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of* Virginia

The humble Addreſs of the Council

Sr

We his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council of this Colony, beg leave to return You our moſt ſincere Thanks for your Affectionate Speech made to us & the Houſe of Burgeſſes now Aſſembled. Permit us further to expreſs our hearty Thanks

Thanks for the Conſtant Care and Diligence with which you have Govern'd us for many years, and in this public manner to acknowledge how much this Colony has improv'd under your wiſe & juſt Adminiſtration; and we are in nothing more ſenſibly obliged to you, than in ſettling a Peace upon ſo Good a Foundation, at this critical and dangerous Conjuncture, with the United Nations of Indians, for the Quiet and Security of this Government. We hope in the Receſs of Buſineſs, our Actions manifeſt the Zeal we have for the publick Good, and We ſhall be ready to agree to any Meaſures that may tend to the Promotion of Virtue, and the Eſtabliſhment of it upon a ſure & firm Foundation, and we ſhall be highly pleaſ'd to reſtrain all Licentiouſneſs & Immorality, & to extirpate that horrible Vice of Gaming, which ſows the Seeds of ſo much Iniquity, & buries ſo many Families in Ruin, We congratulate his Majeſty in the moſt dutiful & warm manner upon his Glorious Atchievem^ts^ againſt the *French* our Implacable Enemy, at the Battle of *Dettingen*; a Victory the more glorious, as it was gain'd under ſo many Diſadvantages; and We implore the divine Power to protect his Majeſty's Sacred Perſon from all Danger, to cover his Head in the Day of Battle, and to give ſuch ſucceſs to his Arms, that He may be a Terrour to his Enemies. We take the Liberty of expreſſing our Abhorrence to the *french* Meaſures of endeavouring to impoſe a Popiſh Pretender upon his Majeſty's Throne, an Inſult as daring as it is Malicious wch Demands the higheſt Reſentment from all true Lovers of Liberty, & the Proteſtant Religion, and we hope by the divine Protection, that the Machinations of the Papiſts will never prevail over the Proteſtant Churches. We further take the Liberty, *S^r^*, to aſſure You in the Strongeſt Manner that we ſhall ever pay the greateſt Reſpect and Deference to your Recomendations and Advice, & be always ready to concur with you in any Meaſures that will tend to the Good & Safety of this Government, & more particularly in all thoſe Meaſures that will render the hoſtile Attempts of our Enemies fruitleſs and Abortive.

Orderd

That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcrib'd.

Ordered

That the Gentlemen who prepar'd the Addreſs do wait on the Governor to know his Pleaſure when the Council ſhall attend him with the ſame.

Lewis Burwell Eſq^r^ reported that the Perſons appointed had according to Order waited on the Governor &c and his Honour was pleaſ'd to ſay he would receive the ſ^d^ Addreſs at Eleven o'Clock to Morrow Morning in the Council Chamber.

Then the Council adjourn'd till to Morrow Morning 10 o'Clock

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*Thurſday Sep^r^* 6th

Preſent

THE Governor, *Cole Diggs*, *John Grymes*, *John Cuſtis*, *Philip Lightfoot*, *Thos Lee*, *Lewis Burwell*, *Wm Fairfax* Eſq^rs^

Cole Diggs Eſq^r^ on behalf of the Council preſented the Addreſs to the Governor, to which his Honour was pleaſ'd to give the following Anſwer.

Gentlemen of the Council.

I return you my Hearty and Unfeigned Thanks for your very obliging Addreſs. As I am truly ſenſible of your Knowledge in all matters that have any Relation to the great Ends of Governm^t^ and cannot but confeſs Myſelf happy in the Confidence and Security I have ſo long experienced of your Readineſs to conſult and purſue them, which always Alleviated very much the Weight that falls to my ſhare; it would be doing of you the greateſt Injuſtice not to declare that whatever Praiſe is due to my Adminiſtration, is owing to your Council and advice, whereby I have been led to merit the Applauſe you are pleaſed to give me.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly go down and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Govr is now ready in the Council Chamber to receive their Addreſs.

Accordingly

Accordingly the Burgeſſes attended, & the Speaker preſented their Addreſs as follows

Sr

We his Majeſty's moſt dutiful & loyal Subjects . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 79.]

To which Addreſs the Governor was pleaſed to return the following Anſwer.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I Give you my ſincere Thanks for your truly loyal and affectionate Addreſs . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 79.]

And then the Burgeſſes withdrew.

Order'd

That the Clerk go down & deliver to the Houſe of Burgeſſes the Treaty of Peace and Friendſhip concluded between this Colony and the Six Nations, alſo their Releaſe of all Right to any Lands in *Virginia.*

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till to Morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Friday Septr 7th:

Preſent

THE ſame as Yeſterday

A Petition from ſev'ral freeholders & Houſekeepers of *Prince George* County agt dividing the ſaid County was read & referr'd to the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of *Prince William* for a Town on *Quanticot* Creek; read & referr'd to the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

A Petition from ſev'ral Inhabitants of *Fairfax* County for eſtabliſhing a Ferry from the Land of *Joſias Clapham* to the Land of *John Nelſon*—Read & Referr'd to the conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

A Petition from Sev'ral Inhabitants of the upper Part of *Goochland* for dividing the County of *Goochland*—Read & referr'd to the Conſideracõn of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till 11 to morrow Morning

Saturday Sepr 8th:

Preſent

THE Same as Yeſterday

The Houſe having no Buſineſs before them

Adjd till *Monday* morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday Sepr 10th:

Preſent

COLE DIGGS, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, Phil Lightfoot, Thomas Lee, Wm Fairfax Eſqrs

Adjd till to Morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Tueſday Sepr 11th:

Preſent

COLE DIGGS, John Robinſon, John Grymes, Phil Lightfoot, Thomas Lee, Wm Fairfax Eſqrs

Adjd till to Morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Wedneſday

Wednesday Sept^ber 12th

Present

THE Same as Yesterday
Adj^d till to morrow, 11. o'Clock.

Thursday 7^ber 13th

Present

COLE DIGGS, *John Robinson, John Grymes, Phil Lightfoot, Thos Lee, Lewis Burwell, Wm Fairfax* Esq^rs
Adj^d till to Mor. 11.

Friday, Sep^ber 14th

Present

THE same as Yesterday
Adj^d till to Mor. 11. o'Clock.

Saturday Sepr 15th

Present

THE same as Yesterday
Adj^d till to *Mon^y* 11 o'Clock.

Monday Sepr 17th

Present

COLE DIGGS, *John Robinson, John Grymes, Phil. Lightfoot, Thos Lee, Wm Fairfax* Esq^rs
Adj^d till to Morrow 11 o'Clock

Tuesday Septr 18th

Present

COLE DIGGS, *John Robinson, John Grymes, Phil. Lightfoot, Thos Lee, Lewis Burwell, Wm Fairfax* Esq^rs
Adj^d till to Mor. 11. o'Clock.

Wednesday Sepr 19th

Present

THE Same as Yesterday
Adj^d till 11 o'Clock to Mor.

Thursday

Thurſday Septr 20th

Preſent

THE Same as Yeſterday
Adjd till to Morrow 11 o'Clock.

Friday Septr 21ſt

Preſent

THE Same as Yeſterday
Adjd till to Morrow 11. o'Clock.

Saturday Septr 22d

Preſent

THE Same as Yeſterday
Adjd till to *Monday* 11 o'Clock

Monday Sepr 24th

Preſent

COLE DIGGS, *John Robinſon, John Grymes, Phil. Lightfoot, Thomas Lee.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *an Act to enable* Mann Page *Eſqr to ſell and diſpoſe of certain Entail'd Lands to raiſe Money for the Payment of his Father's Debts and performance of his Will & for other Purpoſes therein mention'd.*

Which Bill was read a firſt Time.

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Nelſon* that they had paſſed a Bill intitled *an Act to repeal part of an Act intitled* an Act to prevent the Building of Wooden Chimnies in the Towns of *York* & *Glouceſter* and for pulling down ſuch as are already built therein and to reſtrain Hogs and Goats from going at large in the ſaid Town of York *and for other purpoſes therein mentioned*

Which Bill was read a firſt Time

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Benj: Harriſon* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *an Act for dividing the upper Pariſh in* Nanſemond *County and adding part thereof to* Suffolk *Pariſh.*

Which Bill was read a firſt Time

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Adjd till to Morrow morning 11. of the Clock

Tueſday Septr 25th

Preſent

THE ſame as Yeſterday.

A Bill intitled *an Act to repeal part of an Act, intitled,* An Act to prevent building of Wooden Chimnies in the Towns of *York* & *Glouceſter* &c

Read a Second Time

And

And the Queſtion being put that the Bill be read a 3d Time

It Paſs'd in the Negative

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill be Rejected

A Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the upper Pariſh in* Nanſemond *County & adding part thereof to* Suffolk *Pariſh*

Read a Second Time.

Order'd

That the ſaid Bill be committed for the Allegations to be made out. The Allegations thereof being prov'd to the ſatisfaction of the Council.

Order'd

That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time.

A Bill intituled *An Act to enable* Mann Page *Eſqr to ſell and diſpoſe of certain intail'd Lands &c*

Read a ſecond Time

Order'd

That the ſaid Bill be committed for the Allegations to be proved.

Adjd till to Morrow 11 o'Clock.

Wedneſday Septr 26th.

Preſent

THE Same as Yeſterday.

A Bill intituled *an Act for dividing the upper Pariſh in* Nanſemond *County &c*

Read a third Time

Reſolv'd

That the Bill do paſs

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes & acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill without any Amendment.

A Bill intituled *An Act for the Relief of certain Creditors.* Read the firſt Time

Order'd

That the ſaid Bill be Read a 2d Time.

Adjd till to Morrow 11. o'Clock.

Thurſday Septr 27th.

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill intituled *An Act for the Relief of certain Creditors.* Read a ſecond Time.

Order'd

That the ſaid Bill be committed for Amendments

A Bill, was brought in, intituled, *An Act for the more frequent training and exerciſing the Militia of this Colony in this Time of imminent Danger*

Which Bill was read a firſt Time &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill for continuing an Act made in the firſt Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for making more effectual Proviſion agt Invaſions & Inſurrections* and one other Act, intituled, *An Act for continuing & Amending the Aforemention'd Act* was brought in & Read the firſt time &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond time.

Adjd till to Morrow 11. o'Clock.

Friday

Friday Septr 28th

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill for the more frequent training & exercifing the Militia of this Colony &c Was read a fecond Time &

Order'd

To be ingrofs'd.

A Bill for continuing an Act made in the firft Year of his Majefty's Reign, intituled *An Act for making more effectual Provifion ag^t Invafions &c* was read a fecond time &

Order'd

To be engrofs'd.

The Houfe proceeded to the Confideration of the Amendments to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of certain Creditors* & having gone through the fame.

Order'd

That the Bill be engrofs'd.

An engrofs'd Bill intituled *An Act for continuing An Act made in the firft Year of his Majefty's Reign, intituled* An Act for making more effectual Provifion ag^t Invafions &c. read the 3^d time.

Refolv'd

That the Bill do pafs

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry the fame to the Burgeffes & defire their Concurrence thereto.

An engrofs'd Bill, intituled, *An Act for the more frequent training & exercifing the Militia &c* Read the 3^d time

Refolv'd

That the Bill do pafs.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the G^l Aff^y carry the fame to the Burgeffes & defire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes that they had Pafs'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Goochland *the Parifh of* Saint James *in that County and for other Purpofes therein mention'd.*

Which Bill was read the firft time.

Order'd

To be read a fecond time.

Adj^d till to morrow 11. o'Clock.

Saturday Septr 29th

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of* Goochland *the Parifh of* Saint James *in that County and for other Purpofes therein mention'd*

Read the fecond time &

Committed for Amendments.

An engroffed Bill intituled *An Act for the Relief of certain Creditors*

Read a third time

Refolv'd

That the faid Bill do pafs

Order'd

That the Clerk of the G^l Aff^y carry the fame to the Burgeffes and defire their Concurrence thereto.

Adj^d till *Monday* Morning 11. o'Clock.

Monday

Monday Octo^r 1^ft 1744.

Preſent

COLE DIGGS, *John Robinſon, John Grymes, Phil. Lightfoot, Thomas Lee, Wm Fairfax*

A Bill intituled *an Act for dividing the County of* Goochland *the Pariſh of* Saint James *in that County and for other purpoſes therein mention'd*

Read with the Amendments and agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly carry the ſame to the Burgeſſes & deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by M^r *Waſhington* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for enabling the Juſtices of* Prince William *and* Fairfax *Counties to Levy Tobacco on the ſaid Counties to ſupport* Occoquon *Ferry* was read the firſt time

Order'd

That the ſ^d Bill be read a ſecond time.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* That they had paſſed a Bill intituled, *An Act to impower* Peter Hedgman *Gent to lay out & apply the Rents and Profits of certain intailed Lands therein mention'd whereof* William Brent *lately died ſeized towards paying the Debts of the ſaid Decedent & for other Purpoſes therein mention'd*—Read the firſt time

Order'd

That the ſaid Bill be Read a ſecond time.

A Meſſage by Mr *Waller* from the Houſe of Burgeſſes that they had paſs'd a Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act intituled* An Act to prevent frivolous & vexatious ſuits & to regulate Attornies practiſing in the County Courts. Read the firſt time

Order'd

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time.

A Bill intituled *An Act to enable the* Nottoway & Nanſemond *Indians to ſell certain Lands & for other Purpoſes therein mention'd* was brought in & read a firſt Time

Order'd

To be read a ſecond time.

Adj^d till to morrow 11. 'Clock

Tueſday October 2^d 1744.

Preſent

COLE DIGGS, *John Robinſon, John Grymes, Phil: Lightfoot, Thomas Lee, Lewis Burwell, Wm Fairfax* Eſq^rs

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the Pariſh of* Hamilton *in the County of* Prince William *& erecting the ſame into two diſtinct Pariſhes, & other Purpoſes therein Mention'd* Read the firſt Time &

Order'd

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the* Nottoway & Nanſemond *Indians to ſell certain Lands & for other Purpoſes therein mention'd*

Read the ſecond Time.

Order'd

That the ſ^d Bill be ingroſs'd.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for enabling the Juſtices of* Prince William & Fairfax *Counties to levy Tobacco on the ſ^d Counties to ſupport* Occoquon *Ferry*. Read a ſecond Time &

Order'd

That the ſ^d Bill be read a third Time.

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A Bill, intitled, *An Act to Impower* Peter Hedgman *Gent to lay out & apply the Rents & Profits of certain intailed Lands therein mention'd &c*

Read a ſecond Time &

Order'd

That the ſ^d^ Bill be committed for proof of the allegations.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend An Act intituled* An Act to prevent frivolous & vexatious Suits & to regulate Attornies &c. Read a ſecond Time

Order'd

That y^e^ ſ^d^ Bill be read a third Time

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for enabling the Juſtices of* Prince William *&* Fairfax *Counties to Levy Tobacco &c.* Read a third Time.

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill do paſs

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to Amend An Act intituled* An Act to prevent frivolous & vexatious Suits & to regulate Attornies &c. Read a third Time.

Reſolv'd

That the ſ^d^ Bill do paſs

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower* Peter Hedgman *Gent to lay out and apply the Rents & Profits of certain intailed Lands &c* Read a third Time &c

Reſolv'd

That y^e^ ſ^d^ Bill do paſs.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the G^l^ Aſſ^y^ go down & acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill without any amendments.

Adj^d^ till to morrow 11. o'Clock.

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*Wedneſday Octo^r^* 3^d^ 1744.

Preſent

COLE DIGGS, John Robinſon, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, Phil: Lightfoot, Thomas Lee, Lewis Burwell & Wm Fairfax Eſq^rs^

A Bill intituled *An Act to enable* Mann Page *Eſq^r^ to ſell and diſpoſe of certain entail'd Lands to raiſe money for the Payment of his Fathers Debts & Performance of his will & for other Purpoſes therein mention'd,* the allegations thereof being prov'd & the full Conſent of the Parties appearing to y^e^ ſatisfaction of ev'ry member of the Council, was read a third Time and Unanimouſly,

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill do paſs, &

Order'd

That the Clerk of ye G^l^ Aſſ^y^ go down & acquaint ye Houſe of Burgeſſes y^t^ the Council have agreed to the ſame without any Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they had paſs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town near* Roy's *Warehouſe in the County of* Caroline *& for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,* Read a 1^ſt^ Time &

Ordered

To be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Nelſon* that they had paſs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for better regulating Ordinary Keepers & Retailers of ſtrong Liquors & to prevent their giving Credit And to diſable them to maintain any Action, or recover any Money Tobacco or other Commodity for ſuch Liquors ſold upon Credit,* Read 1^ſt^ time.

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

A

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Braxton* that they had paſs'd a Bill, intituled *An Act to impower the Veſtry of ye Pariſh of* Stratton Major *in ye County of* King & Queen *to ſell the Glebe of ye ſaid Pariſh & to purchaſe a more Convenient Glebe in Lieu thereof—*

Read ye firſt Time &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they had propos'd ſome Amendments to a Bill intituled,[1] *An Act made in the firſt year of his Majeſty's Reign intituled* An Act for making more effectual Proviſion agt Invaſions & Inſurrections, *and one other Act intituled* An Act for continuing and amending ye aforeſaid Act.

Reſolv'd

That the Amendments propos'd be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk of ye G1 Aſſy go down & acquaint ye Houſe of Burgeſſes therewith.

A Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the Pariſh of* Hamilton *in the County of* Prince *William &c* read a ſecond Time

Order'd

To be Committed for Amendments.

An ingroſs'd Bill, intituled *An Act to enable ye* Nottoway & Nanſemond *Indians to ſell certain Lands &c* Read a third Time

Reſolv'd

That ye Bill do paſs.

Order'd

That Clerk of the G1 Aſſy go down & deſire ye Concurrence of the Houſe of Burgeſſes thereto.

A Meſſage from ye Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for the better regulating & collecting certain officers Fees & other Purpoſes therein mention'd.* Read ye firſt Time &

Order'd

to be read a ſecond Time.

Adjd till to Morrow 11. o'Clock.

Thurſday Octor 4th.

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill intituled *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town near* Roy's *Warehouſe in ye County of* Caroline *&c* Read a ſecond Time &

Order'd

That ye ſaid Bill be committed.

The Allegations thereof being proved to ye Satisfaction of ye Council.

Order'd

To be read a Third Time.

A Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the Pariſh of* Hamilton *&c*

Read a third Time wth the Amendments &c

Reſolv'd

That ye fd Bill wth the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd

That ye Clerk of the G1 Aſſy go down & acquaint ye Houſe of Burgeſſes yt the Council Deſire yr Concurrence to ye Amendments propos'd.

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[1] The following words are evidently omitted after "intituled": "An Act for continuing."

A Bill for better regulating Ordinary keepers &c
Read a Second Time
And the Queſtion being put that ye f^d Bill be read a third Time, *It paſſed in the negative.*
Reſolv'd
That ye f^d Bill be rejected.
A Bill to impower the Veſtry of ye Pariſh of *Stratton Major* &c. Read a 2^d Time.
Order'd
That ye f^d Bill be read a third Time.
A Bill for ye better regulating & collecting certain Officers Fees &c.
Read a Second Time & Committed.
A Bill to impower ye Veſtry of *Stratton Major* &c Read a third Time
Reſolv'd
That ye Bill do paſs.
A Bill for eſtabliſhing a Town near *Roy*'s &c Read a third Time
Reſolv'd
That ye Bill do paſs.
Order'd
That the Clerk of ye G^l Aſſ^y go down & acquaint ye Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to y^e ſaid Bills W^th^out any Amendments.
Adj^d till to Morrow Morning 11. o'Clock.

Friday Octo^r 5th 1744

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY.
A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and other Purpoſes therein mention'd* Read a third Time with the Amendments, &c
Reſolv'd
That ye f^d Bill do paſs.
Order'd
That ye Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down & acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes therewith, & deſire their Concurrence thereto.
Adj^d till To Morrow 11. o'Clock

Saturday Octo^r 6th

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY
A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they had paſs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for veſting Three Hundred & Ninety Four Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County of* King William *whereof* William Banks *is Seized in Fee Tail in* John Norton *Gent in Fee Simple & for ſettling ſev'ral Slaves therein named in Lieu thereof to y^e ſame uſes*
which Bill was read the firſt Time &c.
Order'd
To be read a ſecond Time.
Adj^d till to *Monday* 11. o'Clock.

Monday

Monday Octo^r 8th

Prefent

JOHN ROBINSON, *John Grymes, John Cuftis, Phil: Lightfoot, Thos Lee, Lewis Burwells, Will. Fairfax* Efq^rs

A Bill, intituled *An Act for vefting Three Hundred & Ninety Four Acres of Land wth the Appurtenances &c* was read a fecond & Committed for Proof of the Allegations.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Harrifon* & others, that they had pafs'd the following Bills, to which they defire the Concurrence of this Houfe. *Viz.*

A Bill for continuing & amending ye Act, intituled, *An Act to allow Perfons not concern'd in making Tobacco to difcharge Levies & Officers Fees in Money.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the Parifh of Bath in the County of* Prince George *& Adding part thereof to* Briftol *Parifh.*

A Bill for Appointing fev'ral New Ferries.

A Bill for reviving the *Act to Impower the Juftices of* Elizabeth City *County to erect Pounds & for other Purpofes therein mention'd.*

A Bill to eftablifh & confirm the Bounds & Title of Lands held in the Town of *Suffolk* in the County of *Nanfemond.*

All which Bills were feverally read the firft Time, &

Order'd

To be Read a fecond Time.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for vefting Three Hundred and Ninety four Acres of Land with the Appurtenances in the County of* King William *whereof* William Banks *is feized in Fee Tail in* John Norton *Gent in Fee Simple & for fettling fev'ral Slaves therein nam'd in Lieu thereof to the fame ufes* (the Allegations thereof having been proved to the Satisfaction of the Council) was read a third Time.

Refolv'd

That the Bill do pafs.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the G^l Affy go down & acquaint ye Houfe of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to ye f^d Bill w^thout any Amendments.

Adj^d till to Morrow 11. o'Clock.

Tuefday Octo^r 9th

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing and amending the Act intituled* An Act to allow Perfons not Concern'd in making Tobacco to difcharge Levies and Officers Fees in Money—was read the Second Time &

Order'd

To be read a 3^d Time.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Waller* that they had pafs'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend the* Act declaring the Law concerning Attachments & for Altering the Court Days in the Counties of *Accomack* and *Amelia* Read the firft Time, and

Order'd

To be read a fecond Time.

A Bill for dividing the Parifh in the County of *Prince George* and adding Part thereof to *Briftol* Parifh was read the fecond Time & Order'd to be Committed for the Allegations to be proved.

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A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they had paſs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for giving a Reward for killing Wolves in the County of* Frederick *to be levied on the Inhabitants of ye ſaid County by the Court, & for altering ſev'ral Court Days* was read a Firſt Time &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries* was read the ſecond Time &

Order'd

To be committed for Amendments.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for reviving the* Act to impower the Juſtices of *Elizabeth City* County to erect Pounds & for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, was read the ſecond Time &

Order'd

To be committed for Amendments.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to eſtabliſh & confirm the Bounds & Title of Lands held in the Town of* Suffolk *in the County of* Nanſemond, was Read a ſecond Time &

Order'd

To be Committed for Amendments

A Bill for Appointing ſev'ral New Ferries was read a third Time with the Amendments &

Reſolv'd

That the Bill be agreed to wth the Amendments.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Gl Aſſy go down and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes therewith & deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill for dividing the Pariſh of *Bath* in the County of *Prince George* and adding Part thereof to *Briſtol* Pariſh; the Allegations being prov'd to ye Satisfaction of the Council, was read a third Time, &

Reſolv'd

That the Bill do paſs without any Amendments

Order'd

That the Clerk of ye Gl Aſſy go down & acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes therewith.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes that they have agreed to one Amendment propos'd by the Council to a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing ſev'ral New Ferries*, & diſagreed to another

Reſolv'd

That the Council do recede from that Amendment to which the Burgeſſes have diſagreed, & that the Clerk endorſe upon the ſaid Bill that the ſame is Agreed to as Amended.

Ord That ye Clerk inſert ye Amendment in ye Bill.

A Bill intituled *An Act to eſtabliſh & confirm the Bounds & Title of Lands held in the Town of* Suffolk *in the County of* Nanſemond was read the third Time with the Amendments &

Reſolv'd

That ye ſd Bill be Agreed to with the Amendments.

Order'd

That ye Clerk of ye Gl Aſſy go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes & deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Adjd till to Morrow 11. o'Clock.

Wedneſday

Wednesday Octo^r 10th

Present

COLE DIGGS, *John Robinson, John Grymes, John Custis, Phil. Lightfoot, Thos Lee, Lewis Burwells, William Fairfax* Esq^rs

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend the* Act declaring the Law concerning Attachments &c was read a second Time &

Order'd

To be read a third Time.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing and amending the Act intituled* An Act to allow Persons not concern'd in making Tobacco &c was read a 3^d^ Time &

The Question being put y^t^ ye s^d^ Bill be agreed to

It pass'd in the Negative

Resolv'd

That the Bill be rejected.

A Bill, intituled *An Act to amend the* Act declaring the Law concerning Attachments &c Was read a 3^d^ Time &

Resolv'd

That the Bill do pass.

A Bill, intituled *An Act for giving a Reward for killing Wolves &c* was read a 3^d^ Time &

Resolv'd

That ye Bill do pass.

Order'd

That the Clerk of ye G^l^ Ass^y^ go down & acquaint the House of Burgesses that ye Council have agreed to ye said Bills without any Amendm^ts^

Adj^d^ till to Morrow Morning 11. o'Clock

Thursday Octo^r 11th

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to Impower the Justices of ev'ry County Court to erect Pounds* was brought in and Read the first Time

Order'd

That the said Bill be Read a second Time

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to settle the Distribution of the Salary allow'd by his Majesty to the Council of this Colony* was brought in & read ye 1st Time.

Order'd

That ye s^d^ Bill be read a 2^d^ Time.

Adj^d^ till to Morrow 10. o'Clock.

Friday Octo^r 12th

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

A Bill to impower the Justices of ev'ry County Court to erect Pounds was Read a 2^d^ Time & committed for Amendments.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to settle ye Distribution of ye Salary &c* was Read a 2^d^ Time & Order'd to be engross'd.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Carter* & others That they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Entail of certain Lands therein mention'd, and to vest the same in* Francis West *in Fee Simple, and to settle other Lands of greater Value to the same uses.*

Also A Bill, intituled, *an Act for further amending the* Act concerning Tithables.

Also

Alſo a Bill, intituled, *an Act to repeal a Clauſe in an Act made in the fourth Year of the Reign of the late Queen, intituled,* An Act for Encouragement of Building Water Mills.

Which Bills were read the firſt Time &

Order'd

That they be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Harmer* That they had paſs'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Common Hall of the City of* Williamſburgh *to aſſeſs a Tax on the Inhabitants of ye ſaid City for building a Priſon & for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.* Which Bill was read a firſt Time &

Order'd

To be read a Second Time.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Beverley* that they had paſs'd a Bill, intituled, *an Act to prevent the Inhabitants of* Tappahanock *Town from raiſing & Keeping Hogs at large within ye ſaid Town,* which Bill was read a firſt Time &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Waller* that they had paſs'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for diſſolving the Preſent Veſtries in this Colony, for electing new Veſtries, & other Purpoſes therein mention'd.* Which Bill was read a firſt Time, And the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Bill be read a 2d Time *It paſs'd in the Negative.*

Reſolv'd

That the Bill be rejected.

Upon the Application of Mr *Walthoe* Clerk of the General Aſſembly to have his Fees ſettled for private Bills that are agreed to by the Council.

It is the opinion of the Board & accordingly

Reſolv'd

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly take and receive the ſame Fee for ev'ry private Bill as the Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes ſhall take, not exceeding five Pounds for any one Bill.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* and others that they had paſs'd a Bill, intituled *An Act for continuing and amending the* Act for preventing Loſſes from Drivers paſſing with Cattle through this Colony & for laying a Duty on Horſes.

Alſo a Bill, intituled *An Act for repealing ye Act intituled* Perſons removing into ye Bay.

Alſo a Bill, intituled *An Act to prevent the Building & repairing Wooden Chimnies in the Town of Richmond.*

Which Bills were read a firſt Time &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

Adjd till to Morrow 10. o'Clock.

Saturday Octor 13th

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Bill, intituled *An Act to dock the Entail of certain Lands therein mentioned & to veſt ye ſame in* Frances Weſt *in Fee Simple &c* Read the 2d Time &

Committed for ye Allegations thereof to be prov'd.

A Bill, intituled *An Act for further amending the Act intituled,* An Act concerning Tithables Read a ſecond Time And the Queſtion being put that ye ſaid Bill be committed *It paſs'd in the Negative*

Reſolv'd

That ye Bill be rejected.

A

A Bill, intituled *An Act to repeal a Clause in an Act made in the fourth year of the Reign of the late Queen* Ann *intituled* An Act for encouragem^t of building Water-Mills was read a 2^d Time &

Order'd

To be Read a 3^d Time.

A Bill, intituled *An Act to prevent the Inhabitants of* Tappahanock *Town from raising & keeping Hogs at large within the said Town*

Was read a 2^d Time &

Order'd

To be read a third Time.

A Bill, intituled *An Act for continuing and amending the* Act for preventing Losses from Drivers passing with Cattle &c read a 2^d Time &

Order'd

To be committed for Amendments.

A Bill, intituled *An Act for repealing ye Act intituled* Persons removing into the Bay Read the 2^d Time and the Question being put that ye s^d Bill be agreed to.

It pass'd in the Negative.

Resolv'd

That ye Bill be rejected.

A Bill, intituled *An Act to prevent ye building & repairing Wooden Chimnies in the Town of* Richmond Read a 2^d Time &

Order'd

To be read a third Time

A Bill, intituled *An Act to dock the Entail of certain Lands therein mention'd & to vest ye same in* Francis West *in Fee Simple &c* the Allegations thereof being prov'd to the Satisfaction of the Council, Was read the third Time &

Resolv'd

That ye Bill pass.

A Bill intuled *An Act to prevent the Inhabitants of* Tappahannock *Town from raising & keeping Hogs at large &c* Read the third Time & Resolv'd that the Bill pass.

A Bill, intituled *An Act to prevent the Building and repairing Wooden Chimnies in the Town of* Richmond— Read the third Time &

Resolv'd

That the Bill pass.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the G^l Ass^y go down & acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bills without any Amendments.

A Bill, intituled *An Act to enable the Common Hall of the City of* Williamsburgh *to Assess a Tax &c* Read a second Time &.

Order'd

That ye said Bill be committed for Amendments.

Adj^d till *Monday* Morning 10. o'Clock.

Monday Octr 15th.

Present

COLE DIGGS, John Robinson, John Grymes, Thos Lee, Lewis Burwell & Wm Fairfax Esq^rs

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Carter* that they had disagreed to the Amendments propos'd by the Council to a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees & other Purposes therein mention'd*, & desire the Council to agree to ye Bill w^th^out ye s^d Amendments.

A

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Ludwell* that they had paſs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for amending An Act intituled* An Act for laying an Impoſition upon Skins & Furrs for the better ſupport of the College of *William* & *Mary* in *Virginia.*

Alſo a Bill, intituled *An Act to amend an Act intituled* An Act for ſettling ſome Doubts & differences of Opinion in Relation to the Benefit of Clergy for allowing the ſame to Women and taking away of Reading, & to diſable certain perſons therein mentioned to be Witneſſes. Which Bills were read a firſt Time, &

Ordered

To be read a ſecond Time.

Adjd till to Morrow Morning 9. o'Clock.

Tueſday Octor 16th

Preſent

COLE DIGGS, John Robinſon, John Grymes, Phil. Lightfoot, Thos Lee, Lewis Burwell & William Fairfax Eſqrs

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Common Hall of the City of* Williamsburg *to Aſſeſs a Tax on the Inhabitants of ye ſd City for building a Priſon & for other purpoſes therein Mention'd* Was read a third Time wth the Amendments &

Reſolv'd

That ye Bill wth the Amendmts be Agreed to.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing & Amending ye* Act for preventing Loſſes from Drivers paſſing wth Cattle through this Colony & for laying a Duty on Horſes, was read a third Time wth the Amendmts &

Reſolv'd

That ye Bill wth ye Amendmts be agreed to.

Order'd

That ye Clerk of ye Gl Aſſy go down wth ye ſame to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Council proceeded to ye Conſideration of ye Amendments propos'd by them to a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees &c* diſagreed to by the Houſe of Burgeſſes And after having conſider'd and gone through the ſame,

Reſolv'd

That ye Council do inſiſt on ye Amendments.

Order'd

That ye Clerk of ye Gl Aſſy go down & acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes yt the Council inſiſt on ye ſd Amendments.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying an Impoſition upon Skins and Furrs &c* Read a Second Time, & Committed.

A Bill, intitd *An Act to amend an Act, intd* An Act for ſettling ſome Doubts and Differences of Opinion in relation to ye Benefit of Clergy &c Was read a ſecond Time &

Order'd

To be read a third Time.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Beverley* that they had paſs'd a Bill intd *An Act to veſt certain Lands therein mention'd in the Perſons who have purchas'd under the Feoffees and Truſtees of ye Town of* Tappahannock. Which Bill was read a firſt Time &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, intd *an Act to repeal a Clauſe in An Act made in the fourth Year of the Reign of ye late Queen Anne, intd* An Act for encouragement of building Water Mills Was read the third Time and the Queſtion being put that the ſd Bill be Agreed to

It

It paſs'd in the Negative

Reſolv'd

That ye Bill be rejected.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Waller* and others that they had paſſed a Bill, intd *An Act to veſt certain Lands therein mention'd whereof* George Carter *Eſqr lately died Seized in Fee Simple in certain Truſtees therein nam'd to be Sold for the performance of his Will.*

Alſo a Bill, intd *An Act to enable* John Belfield *to ſell certain Lands therein mention'd notwihſtanding his Infancy and for other Purpoſes therein alſo mention'd.*

Which Bills were read the firſt Time &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* & others that they had paſs'd a Bill, intd *An Act to explain & amend An Act intd* An Act for the effectual Suppreſſion of Vice and Reſtraint and Puniſhment of wicked blaſphemous and diſſolute Perſons.

Alſo a Bill, intd *An Act to continue & amend An Act, intd* An Act for reducing the Laws made for amending the Staple of Tobacco & for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms into one Act of Aſſembly. Which Bill was read a firſt Time &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

Adjd till to Morrow 9. o'Clock.

Wedneſday Octor 17th

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending An Act, intitd*, An Act for laying an Impoſition on Skins & Furrs for ye better Support of ye College of *William* and *Mary*, Was read the third Time, &

Reſd

That ye Bill do paſs.

Order'd

That ye Clerk of ye Gl Aſſy go down & acquaint ye Houſe o' Burgeſſes that the council have agreed to ye ſd Bill wthout any Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* that they had agreed to ye Amendmts propos'd by the Council to *An Act for dividing the Pariſh of* Hamilton *in ye County of* Prince William *&c.*

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* & others that they had Agreed to ye Amendmts propos'd by the Council to a Bill, intd *Act to eſtabliſh and confirm the Bounds & Title of Lands held in the Town of* Suffolk *in the County of* Nanſemond.

And to ye Amendmts alſo propos'd to a Bill, intd *An Act for dividing the County of* Goochland *the Pariſh of* Saint James *in yt County & for other purpoſes therein mention'd.*

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they do inſiſt upon their diſagreemt to the Amendments propos'd & inſiſted upon by the Council to a Bill, intd *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain officers Fees, & other purpoſes therein mention'd.*

Alſo that they had agreed to one Amendt & diſagreed to another propos'd by the Council to a Bill, intd *An Act for continuing & Amending the* Act for preventing Loſſes from Drivers paſſing wth Cattle through this Colony & for laying a Duty on Horſes, and deſire ye Council to paſs the Bill without ye ſd Amendment.

Reſolv'd

That ye Council do inſiſt on yr Amendment diſagreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk of ye Gl Aſſy go down & acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that ye Council do inſiſt on the ſd Amendt diſagreed to by them.

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The Houſe proceeded to ye Conſideration of ye Amendments to the Bill, int^d *An Act to Impower the Juſtices of ev'ry County Court to erect Pounds*, & having gone through the ſame

Order'd

That ye Bill be engroſs'd.

A Bill, int^d *An Act to veſt certain Lands therein mention'd in the Perſons who have purchas'd under the Feoffees & Truſtees of ye Town of* Tappahannock—

Read a ſecond Time, &

Order'd

To be read a third Time.

A Bill, int^d *An Act to veſt certain Lands therein mention'd whereof* George Carter *Eſq^r lately died ſeized in Fee Simple in certain Truſtees &c.*

Read a ſecond Time &

Order'd

To be committed for the Allegations to be prov'd

A Bill, int^d *An Act to enable* John Belfield *to ſell certain Lands &c*

Read a ſecond Time &

Order'd

To be committed for ye Allegations to be prov'd.

A Bill, int^d *An Act to explain and amend An Act int^d* An Act for the effectual Suppreſſion of Vice & Reſtraint & Puniſhm^t of Wicked blaſphemous and diſſolute Perſons, Was read a ſecond Time & Committed for Amend^ts

A Meſſage from ye Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Waller* that they have agreed to ye Amendments propos'd by the Council to a Bill int^d *An Act to enable the Common Hall of the City of* Williamſburgh *to aſſeſs a Tax on ye Inhabitants of y^e ſ^d City for building a Priſon &c.*

A Bill, int^d *An Act to continue & amend An Act, int^d* An Act for reducing the Laws made for amending the Staple of Tobacco &c. Read a ſecond Time & Committed.

A Bill, int^d *An Act to amend An Act, int^d* An Act for ſettling ſome doubts & diffrences of Opinion in Relation to ye Benefit of Clergy &c. Was read a third Time &

Reſolv'd

That ye Bill do paſs.

A Bill, int^d *An Act to veſt certain Lands therein mention'd in ye Perſons who have purchas'd under ye Feoffees & Truſtees of ye Town of* Tappahannock (the allegations thereof being prov'd true to y^e ſatisfaction of ye Council) Was read the third Time &

Reſolv'd

That ye Bill do paſs.

A Bill, int^d *An Act to veſt certain Lands therein mention'd whereof* George Carter *Eſq^r lately died ſeized &c* the Allegations thereof being proved true to ye Satisfaction of ye Council was read a third Time, &

Reſolv'd

That ye Bill do paſs.

Order'd

That ye Clerk of ye G^l Aſſ^y go down & acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that ye Council have agreed to y^e ſaid Bills without any Amendments.

A Meſſage from ye Houſe of Burgeſſes by M^r *Waſhington* that they had paſſed a Bill int^d *An Act for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Truro *& for appointing a new Election of Veſtrymen for y^e ſ^d Pariſh.*

A Meſſage from ye Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* that they had paſs'd a Bill, int^d *An Act to oblige the Inhabitants of* Auguſta *County to pay their Proportion of the Charge for running the dividing Line between* Auguſta *&* Frederick *Counties.*

which Bills were read a firſt Time &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

Adj^d till to Morrow 9. o'Clock.

Thurſday

Thurſday Octo^r 18th

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* that they had paſs'd a Bill, int^d^ *An Act to amend An Act, int^d^*, An Act ag^t^ ſtealing Hogs—which Bill was read a firſt Time &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Simmons* that they have agreed to a Bill, int^d^ *An Act to enable the* Nottoway & Nanſemond *Indians to ſell certain Lands, & for other Purpoſes therein mention'd* wth ſome amend^ts^ to wch they deſire ye Concurrence of y^r^ Honours, which Amend^ts^ were read. &

Reſolv'd

That y^e^ ſ^d^ Amendments be agreed to.

A Bill, int^d^ *An Act to enable* John Belfield *to ſell certain Lands therein mention'd notwithſtanding his Infancy &c* the Allegations thereof being prov'd to the Satisfacõn of the Council, was read a third Time, &

Reſolv'd

That ye Bill do paſs.

Order'd

That ye Clerk of ye G^l^ Aſſ^y^ go down & acquaint ye Houſe of Burgeſſes y^t^ the Council have agreed to y^e^ ſ^d^ Amendments, & the laſt mention'd Bill.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they have Agreed to ye Amendments propos'd by ye Council to a Bill, int^d^ *An Act for continuing and amending the* Act for preventing Loſſes from Drivers paſſing wth Cattle &c

A Bill, int^d^ *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of ye Pariſh of* Truro *&c* was read a ſecond Time &

Order'd

To be read a third Time.

A Meſſage from ye Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Barrett* that they had paſs'd a Bill int^d^ *An Act for obliging the Pariſh of* Saint Martin *to repay to the Pariſh of* Frederickſville *their Proportion of four Hundred and ninety ſix Pounds and ten Thouſand Pounds of Tobacco levied on the ſaid Pariſh of* Saint Martin *before the Diviſion of y^e^ ſame* Which Bill was read a firſt Time & Order'd to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, int^d^ *An Act to oblige ye Inhabitants of* Auguſta *County to pay their Proportion of ye Charge for running ye dividing Line between* Auguſta & Frederick *Counties*, was read a ſecond Time &

Order'd

To be read a third Time.

A Bill, int^d^ *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of ye Pariſh of* Truro, was read ye 3^d^ Time

Reſolv'd

That the Bill do paſs

A Bill, int^d^ *An Act to oblige the Inhabitants of* Auguſta *County to pay their Proportion of ye Charge for running ye dividing Line between* Auguſta & Frederick *Counties*, was read the 3^d^ Time &

Reſolv'd

That ye Bill do paſs.

An ingroſs'd Bill, int^d^ *An Act to ſettle the Diſtribution of ye Salary allow'd by his Majeſty to ye Council of this Colony* was read a third Time &

Reſolv'd

That ye Bill do paſs.

Order'd

That ye Clerk of ye G^l^ Aſſ^y^ go down & acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that ye Council have agreed to y^e^ ſ^d^ Bills from their Houſe without any Amend^ts^ & have paſs'd the ingroſs'd Bill, to which they deſire their Concurrence.

A

A Meſſage from ye Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* that they have paſſed a Bill, int^d^ *An Act to oblige the Surveyors of the Counties of* Albemarle *&* Auguſta *to reſide in the reſpective Counties whereof they are Surveyors.* Which Bill was read a firſt Time &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

Adj^d^ till 9. o'Clock to Morrow morning.

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*Friday Octo^r^ 19th*

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Beverley* that the Burgeſſes had paſſed the Book of Claims.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that the Burgeſſes had paſſed the Treaſurer's Accounts; Alſo the Account of Mr *Benj: Harriſon* for Money depoſited in his Hands to purchaſe Arms for the uſe of the County of *Brunſwick.*

Order'd

That the ſaid Acc^ts^ be referr'd to *Phil. Lightfoot* & *Wm Fairfax* Eſq^rs^

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* that the Burgeſſes had agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of certain Creditors* without any amendments

A Bill, int^d^ *An Act to amend An Act int^d^* An Act ag^t^ ſtealing Hogs, was read a ſecond Time &

Order'd

To be read a 3^d^ Time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* that the Burgeſſes had made a Reſolve for allowing Mr *Parks* a certain Salary of £280 ℔ *Ann* for publick Services.

Reſolv'd

That a free Conferrence be deſir'd with the Burgeſſes on the Subject matter of the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees and other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Order'd

That the Clerk of the G^l^ Aſſ^y^ go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes & acquaint them that the Council deſire an immediate Conference with the Burgeſſes in the Conference Room upon the Subject matter of the Councils Amendments to the Bill, int^d^ *An Act for the better regulating & collecting certain Officers Fees & other Purpoſes therein mention'd,* and appointed three of their Members to manage the ſaid Conference with ſuch a number of Burgeſſes as the Houſe ſhall think fit.

A Bill, int^d^ *An Act for obliging the Pariſh of* St Martin *&c* was read a 2^d^ Time &

Order'd

To be read 3^d^ Time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that the Houſe agreed to the Conference deſir'd by their Hon^rs^ on the Subject matter of ye amend^ts^ to the Bill concerning certain Officers Fees and appointed ſix of their members to manage the ſaid Conference who will be ready at the Place appointed.

Order'd

That *Thos Lee, Lewis Burwell,* & *Wm Fairfax* Eſq^rs^ be appointed Managers of the Conference wth the Burgeſſes on the amendm^ts^ to ye Bill concerning Officers Fees.

A Bill, int^d^ *An Act to explain & amend An Act, int^d^* An Act for the effectual Suppreſſion of Vice &c was read the third Time, and the Queſtion being put that ye Bill be Agreed to, *It paſs'd in the Aff^ve^*

*Ref^d^*

That ye Bill do paſs.

Thos Lee Eſq^r^ from the Conference wth the Burgeſſes on ye amend^ts^ to the Fee Bill Reported that they had met the Burgeſſes and acquainted them with their Reaſons for inſiſting on their amend^t^ to y^e^ ſ^d^ Bill and had left the Bill with them.

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A Bill, int^d *An Act to oblige the Surveyors of ye Counties of* Albemarle *&* Augusta *to reside in the respective Counties whereof they are Surveyors* was read a 2^d Time & Committed.

A Bill, int^d *An Act for obliging the Parish of* St Martin *&c* was read a 3^d Time & *Resolv'd*

That the Bill do pass

The Resolve of the Burgesses to allow a certain Salary of £280 ℔ *Ann* to Mr *Parks*, was read & agreed to

Order'd

That ye Clerk of ye G^l Ass^y go down and acquaint ye House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to ye s^d Resolve, And also to a Bill, int^d *An Act to explain & amend An Act, int^d* An Act for ye Effectual Suppression of Vice &c And to the Bill int^d *An Act for obliging ye Parish of* St Martin *&c* without any Amendments.

Adj^d till to Morrow Morning 9. o'Clock.

Saturday Octo^r 20th

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

Phil. Lightfoot Esqr reported that they had examin'd the Treasurer's Accounts and Mr *Harrisons*, and that ye s^d Accounts were truly stated, *Res^d* y^t s^d Acc^ts pass.

A Bill, int^d *An Act to amend an Act, int^d* An Act ag^t Stealing Hogs, was read a third Time And the Question being put that the s^d Bill be Agreed to,

It pass'd in the Negative.

Resolv'd

That the Bill be Rejected.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Carter* and several others that the Managers appointed by the Burgesses to meet the Managers appointed by the Council at a Conference agreed upon by them on the Subject matter of ye Amend^ts made by the Council to the Fee Bill had informed the House that one of the Managers app^d by the Council did at the Conference sit cover'd & in y^t Manner deliver'd a Paper which he said contain'd the Reasons for the Council's insisting on their Amend^ts And as this is a Behaviour which has never before been us'd by any Member of the Council appointed to manage at a Conference; the House of Burgesses can't help thinking that it was intended as an affront to them. And therefore they desire to know whether the Gentleman acted by the Directions of the Council, and whether the Council claim it as their Right that their Members shall be cover'd at a Conference while the members of the House of Burgesses remain uncover'd, and also to acquaint them that the House do refuse to receive the said Paper till they have an Answer from the Council upon the Matters

Order'd

That the Clerk of the G^l Ass^y go down & acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have order'd him to deliver ye following written Message.

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of ye House of Burgesses.*

The Council do assure you that they design'd no Offence to the House of Burgesses by one of their members being cover'd at the Conference Yesterday, for their member did expect when he put on his Hat that ev'ry Person at ye Conference would have put on theirs likewise; and the Council did not imagine that the House of Burgesses would have taken umbrage at a Thing which was not design'd to give Offence; but hope that you will readily concur with them in carrying on the Publick Business in an Amicable Manner and by this means bring the Session to a Happy Conclusion.

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A Bill int^d *An Act to amend the Law for proving Wills in the G^l Court* was brought in and read a firſt Time and Order'd to be read a 2^d Time

Which was accordingly done & then y^e ſ^d Bill was

Order'd

To be ingroſs'd.

Adj^d till *Monday* Morning 9. o'Clock.

Monday Octo^r 22^d

Preſent

COLE DIGGS, John Robinſon, John Grymes, Phil. Lightfoot, Thos Lee, Wm Fairfax Eſq^rs

The Book of Claims being read and agreed to, *Order'd* That ye Clerk of the G^l Aſſ^y go down & acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes y^t the Council have paſs'd the ſame and alſo the Treaſurer's Accounts & Mr *Harriſon*'s Acc^ts

A Meſſage to the Council from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that the Houſe deſire an immediate Conference with the Council on ye Subject Matter of ye laſt Conference on the Amend^t to ye Bill, int^d *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees &c*

Order'd

That ye Clerk of ye G^l Aſſ^y go to the Burgeſs and acquaint them that the Council Agree to ye free Conferrence deſir'd by the Houſe on the Subject Matter of ye laſt free Conference on ye Amend^t to the Fee Bill, & are ready to meet them.

Ord^d That *J^n Robinſon, Phil. Lightfoot, & Wm Fairfax* be app^d Managers of y^e ſ^d Conference.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Nelſon* y^t they had paſs'd a Bill, int^d *An Act for continuing the Act int^d* An Act for laying a Duty upon Liquors.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Chiſwell* that they had paſs'd a Bill, int^d *An Act to confirm the Lots of the Town of* New Caſtle *to the Purchaſers thereof, & for other Purpoſes therein mention'd.*

Which Bills were read ye firſt Time, &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Robinſon* from the Conference wth the Burgeſſes on ye Subject Matter of ye laſt Conference on ye Amendm^t to ye Fee Bill Reported that they had met the Managers for ye Burgeſſes who acquainted them that the Burgeſſes inſiſted on having the Bill paſs'd without the Amendment.

Upon Conſideration of y^e ſaid Report *it is Reſolv'd* that the Council do adhere to their Amendment.

Order'd

That ye Clerk of ye G^l Aſſ^y go and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council do adhere to y^r Amendment to the Fee Bill.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* that they had paſs'd a Bill, int^d *An Act for amending the Act, int^d* An Act for ſettling the Titles & Bounds of Lands, & for preventing unlawful Shooting & Ranging thereupon.

Alſo a Bill, int^d *An Act to amend An Act, int^d* An Act for preventing exceſſive and deceitful Gaming and another Act, int^d *An Act to prevent the Recovery of Money or other Valuable Things won on Wagers and for the more effectual Reſtraint of Gaming at Ordinaries*

Alſo a Bill, int^d *An Act for dividing the Pariſhes of* Saint John *and* Saint Margaret *& for other purpoſes therein mention'd.*

Which three Bills were read a firſt Time & Or^d to be read a 2^d Time.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Power* that they had paſs'd a Bill, int^d *An Act to enable* Suſannah Cooper *to ſell & diſpoſe of her perſonal Eſtate by Deed or Will notwithſtanding her Huſband* Iſles Cooper *ſhall happen to be living and for other Purpoſes therein mention'd.*

Which

Which Bill was read a firſt Time & Order'd to be read a 2d Time

A Bill, intd *An Act to continue and amend An Act, intd* An Act for reducing the Laws made for amending the Staple of Tobacco &c Was read a third Time with the Amendments & *Refd* That the Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

A Bill, intd *An Act to oblige the Surveyors of ye Counties of* Albemarle *&* Auguſta *to reſide in the Reſpective Counties whereof they are Surveyors.* Was read a third Time wth the Amendments, &

Refd

That ye Bill wth the Amendments be agreed to.

An ingroſs'd Bill, intd *An Act to impower the Juſtices of ev'ry County Court to erect Pounds* Was read the third Time &

Refd

That ye Bill do paſs

An ingroſs'd Bill, intd *An Act to amend the Law for proving Wills in the General Court* Was read the third Time &

Refold

That ye Bill do paſs.

Order'd

That ye Clerk of ye Gl Affy go & acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the two firſt Bills with Amendments, & paſs'd the two ingroſs'd Bills to which they deſire their Concurrence.

Adjd till 9. o'Clock Mor.

Tueſday 23d *Octor*

Preſent

COLE DIGGS, John Robinſon, John Grymes, Phil. Lightfoot, Thos Lee, Lewis Burwell & Wm Fairfax Eſqrs

A Bill intd *An Act for amending ye Act intd* An Act for ſettling the Titles & Bounds of Lands &c Read a 2d Time &

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to be read a 3d Time.

A Bill intd *An Act to amend An Act intd* An Act for preventing exceſſive and deceitful Gaming &c Read 2d Time & Ordd to be read a 3d Time.

A Bill intd *An Act for dividing the Pariſhes of* St John *and* St Margaret *&c*

Read a 2d Time & Order'd to be read a 3d Time.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Waller* that they had agrd to a Bill intd *An Act to amend the Law for proving Wills in ye General Court* wth ſome Amendts to wch they deſire their Honours Concurrence.

Refd

That ye Amendments be agreed to.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Harriſon* that they Agreed to ſome Amendts propos'd by the Council to the Tobacco Bill, & diſagd to others.

Refd

That the Council do recede from their Amendts diſagd to by the Burgeſſes and that the Bill paſs with ye Amendts agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Gl Affy go & acqt ye Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have paſs'd ye fd Bills as agreed to by the Burgeſſes.

A Bill, intd *An Act for amending ye Act intd* An Act for ſettling ye Titles and Bounds of Lands &c Read a 3d Time &

Refd

That ye Bill do paſs.

A Bill int^d *An Act to amend An Act int^d* An Act for preventing excessive and deceitful Gaming &c Read 3^d Time &

Ref^d

That ye Bill do pass.

A Bill, int^d *An Act for dividing the Parishes of* St John & St Margaret *&c* Read a 3^d Time &

Ref^d

That ye Bill do pass.

Or^d

That ye Clerk of the G^l Ass^y go & acq^t the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the f^d three Bills without any Amendments.

A Bill, int^d *An Act to enable* Susannah Cooper *&c* Read the 2^d Time &

Or^d To be committed for ye Allegations to be prov'd.

A Bill, int^d *An Act for continuing the Act int^d* An Act for laying a Duty upon Liquors—Read a 2^d Time & Or^d to lye on ye Table.

A Bill int^d *An Act to confirm the Lots of the Town of* New Castle *to ye Purchasers thereof &c* Read a 2^d Time & Committed for ye Allegations to be prov'd.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Randolph* that they had made some Amendments to the Councils Amendm^ts to a Bill int^d *An Act to oblige the Surveyors of ye Counties of* Albemarle & Augusta *&c*.

A Bill int^d *An Act to impower* Elizabeth City *County to erect Pounds* Was read a third Time &

Ref^d

That ye Bill do pass.

Or^d

That ye Clerk of ye G^l Ass^y go & acq^t ye House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to ye f^d Bill without any Amend^ts

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Carter* that they had pass[ed] a Bill int^d *An Act for continuing the Act int^d* An Act for ye better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees & other Purposes therein mention'd—Which Bill was read a first Time & Or^d to be read a 2^d Time.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Nelson* that they had pass'd a Bill, int^d *An Act for continuing the* Act for altering the method of Tryal of certain Criminals therein mention'd—Read 1st Time & Or^d a 2^d Reading.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Ludwell* that they had agreed to the Bill int^d *An Act to settle the Distribution of the Salary allow'd by his Majesty to the Council of this Colony* without any Amendments.

Adj^d till to Mor 9. o'Clock.

Wednesday Octo^r 24th

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The Council proceeded to ye Consideration of the Burgesses Amend^ts to their Amend^ts to ye Bill int^d *An Act to oblige the Surveyors of the Counties of* Albemarle & Augusta *&c* & after some Time spent thereon

Ref^d

That ye Council do insist on y^r Amend^ts

Or^d

That ye Clerk of ye G^l Ass^y go and acq^t ye House of Burgesses therewith.

A Bill, int^d *An Act for continuing the* Act for altering ye Method of Tryal of certain Criminals &c Read a 2^d Time & Or^d a 3^d Reading.

A Bill, int^d *An Act for continuing the* Act for regulating & collecting certain Officers Fees—Read a 2^d Time & Or^d a 3^d Reading.

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A Bill, int^d *An Act for continuing the Act int^d* An Act for laying a Duty upon Liquors. Was Read a 3^d Time—And the Question being put y^t the f^d Bill be agreed to

It pass'd in the Aff^ve

Ref^d That ye Bill do pass.

Act for altering the method of Tryal of certain Criminals &c Read 3^d Time &

Ref^d That ye Bill do pass.

Act for continuing ye Act for regulating & collecting certain officers Fees—Read a 3^d Time And the Question being put y^t the said Bill be agreed to—

It pass'd in the Affir^ve

Ref^d That ye Bill do pass.

A Bill, int^d *An Act to confirm ye Lots of ye Town of* New Castle *to ye Purchasers &c* the Allegations thereof being prov'd to ye Satisfaction of ye Council Was read a 3^d Time &

Ref^d That ye Bill do pass.

A Bill, int^d *An Act to enable* Susannah Cooper *to sell & dispose of her personal Estate by Deed or Will &c* the Allegations thereof being prov'd to ye Satisfaction of the Council Was Read a 3^d Time & the Question being put y^t the said Bill be agreed to—*It pass'd in the Aff^ve*

Ref^d

That ye Bill do pass.

Or^d That Clerk of ye G^l Ass^y go & acq^t the House of Burgesses that ye Council have agreed to ye f^d five Bills w^thout any Amendments.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Waller* that they had pass'd a Bill, int^d *An Act for encouraging the making of Salt Petre & Gun Powder.*

Which Bill was read a first Time & Or^d to be read a 2^d Time.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Randolph* y^t the Burgesses had receded from their Amend^ts to y^r Honours Amend^ts to ye Bill, int^d *An Act to oblige the Surveyors of ye Counties of* Albemarle & Augusta *&c.*

A Bill int^d *An Act for encouraging the making of Salt Petre &c* was read a Second Time & Committed for Amend^ts

Adj^d till 9. o'Clock to Mor.

Thursday Octo^r 25th.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

Mr *Conway* brought up the Book of Proportions, which was read over and agreed to.

A Bill, int^d *An Act for encouraging the making of Salt Petre &c* Read a third Time with the Amend^ts. And the Question being put y^t ye f^d Bill be agreed to. *It pass'd in the Neg^ve.*

Ref^d That the Bill be rejected.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Conway* that they had pass'd a Bill, int^d *An Act for raising a publick Levy.* Which Bill was read a first Time & Or^d a 2^d Reading.

A Bill, int^d *An Act for raising a publick Levy* Read ye 2^d Time & Or^d to be read a third Time immediately W^ch was accordingly done &

Ref^d That ye Bill do pass.

Or^d That ye Clerk of ye G^l Ass^y go & acq^t the House of Burgesses that ye Council have agreed to ye f^d Bill & to ye Book of Proportions without any Amend^ts.

Adj^d till Afternoon

Octo^r

*Octo*r 25th Afternoon

Preſent

AS BEFORE.

Mr *Whiting* brought up the inroll'd Bills to be examin'd by their Honours– And the Council having peruſed the ſame, & finding them truly inroll'd,

Ord That ye Clerk of ye G1 Affy return the inroll'd Bills and acquaint the Burgeſſes that this Houſe is ſatisfied yt they are truly inroll'd.

The following Reaſons were deliver'd in writing by the members appointed to manage the firſt Conference on the Subject matter of yr Honrs Amendt to the Fee Bill to the Managers appointed by the Burgeſſes.

Mr Speaker *& Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

The Council props'd this Conference, as it is the antient Parliamentary Method to keep up a good underſtanding between the Houſes ſo neceſſary for ye public Service.

When they ſaw a new Clauſe in the Bill directing the Juſtices to inſpect the Records in the keeping of the County Court Clerks, they did not doubt but the Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes who came from all Parts of the Colony, had been inform'd of great abuſes Committed by thoſe Officers, wherefore they can by no means think that the Remedy propos'd is adequate to the Miſchief, as the Clauſe is naked and unguarded; and therefore agreeable to the method of the Legiſlature of this & other Countries, the Council have enforced the Performance of the Duty of theſe Officers by Penalties in their Amendment. Without this the Clauſe in the Bill will not avail in caſe of Delinquency, for the Juſtices are not directed where to apply for a Remedy.

As the Bill now ſtands, there are only two Ways for the Juſtices to Apply; they muſt either repreſent the matter to ye Secretary deſiring him to diſplace the Offender, or addreſs the Governor to order a Proſecution; the firſt is uncertain, for the Strength and Reaſon of ye Application may ſometimes fail; in the other Caſe, upon a Proſecution tho' the Offence be in the leſſer Degree if the Judgment Should be for the Forfeiture of the Penalty in the Clerk's Bond it may intirely ruin an innocent Family, wch will be very Severe, eſpecially for the firſt Offence.

This Hardſhip will be prevented if the Burgeſſes agree to the Councils Amendmt and the publick Intereſt effectually preſerv'd; for by their amendmt the Accuſed ſhall have a fair and Legal Tryal, and if the Rebuke he receives upon the firſt Conviction has not ye deſir'd effect; he is to ſuffer doubly upon the ſecond, and if he becomes incorrigible by a third Offence, he is depriv'd of the Opportunity of injuring the Public any more. This is the general Courſe in the Laws of our Mother Country, and ſeems moſt agreeable to the mild Juſtice of an *Engliſh* Government.

There is no Diminution of the Power, wch is lodged in the Secretary of this Colony, the Clerks are his Deputies, and he may be as careful as he pleaſes to prevent their coming under the Penalties of this Law; he may exerciſe any Power he has by his Comiſſion upon them, for this or any other Offence before Proſecution, and if he chuſes not to have the Pain of being ſevere agt the Offenders, this Amendmt if enacted into a Law, will do the Publick that Juſtice wch they hade a right to.

If the faithful keeping of the publick Records be Neceſſary to preſerve the properties of the Council & their deſcendants, it is as neceſſary for the Burgeſſes & theirs as well as that of the whole Community; ſo that 'tis our mutual Intereſt & a Juſtice to our Country, to have this or a better Method made a Legal one.

Rewards and Puniſhments, are the Hinges on which the beſt regulated Governmts turn, this Bill gives thoſe Officers great Rewards for the Services they do, which makes it highly reaſonable they ſhould be puniſh'd when they neglect to do their Duty.

The Greatneſs of their Truſt, and the Conſequences to the whole Country, adds ſtrength to ev'ry Reaſon for this Amendmt and as both Houſes, have by enacting the firſt Clauſe, agreed that there is ſuch an Evil, the Council hope the Reaſon of both Houſes will unite in this equal, mild, & effectual Remedy by which the Innocent will be ſecur'd, and only the Guilty ſuffer.

Preſent

Preſent The Governor

Order'd That the Clerk of the G[l] Aſſ[y] go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acq[t] them that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, with ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent.

The Burgeſſes accordingly attending, the Governor was pleas'd to give his Aſſent to the following Bills. [For the acts paſſed, ſee J. of H. of B., pp. 147-149.]

Alſo to the Reſolve, for allowing to *William Parks* Two Hundred and eighty pounds ℘ *An* from this Time to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, Receipts for the Duty of Slaves, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other publick Services he is now obliged to perform.

And then his Honour was pleaſed to make the following Speech;

Gentlemen of the Council, M[r] Speaker, *& Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

I am now to give you my thanks, for the Bills . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 149.]

Ex[d]

N. Walthoe Cl. G. A.

A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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[From a very early copy in the Virginia State Library.]

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Thurſday February 20. 1745.

Preſent

THE Governor, *John Robinſon, Thomas Lee, Lewis Burwell, William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelſon* Eſqrs & *William Dawſon*, Clk.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Govr Comands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeſſes accordingly attending, the Govr was pleas'd to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

I ſhould not have ſhorten'd my laſt Prorogation . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1742-1749, p. 153.]

Then the Burgeſſes withdrew

Abſent the Governor

Reſolv'd

That an Addreſs be prepar'd to the Governor on ye Subject Matter of his Speech and it is referr'd to *Lewis Burwell, John Blair & Wm Nelſon* Eſqrs to prepare and bring in the ſame

Adjd till to Morrow Morning eleven o'Clock.

Friday Feby 21ſt

Preſent

JOHN ROBINSON, John Cuſtis, Thomas Lee, Lewis Burwell, Wm Fairfax, John Blair, Wm Nelſon Eſqrs & *Wm Dawſon* Clk.

Lewis Burwell Eſq; reported that the Perſons appointed had according to Order prepar'd an Addreſs to the Governor, and the ſame was read and agreed to after ſome amendments made at the Table and is as follows

To the Honble Wm Gooch *Eſq; his Majeſty's Lieutenant Govr & Commander in Chief of the Colony & Dominion of* Virginia.

The humble Addreſs of the Council.

Sir.

We, his Majeſty's faithful Subjects the Council of *Virginia*, now met in Genl Aſſembly, moſt heartily render you our unfeigned Thanks for your kind Speech, at ye Opening of this Seſſion; and our ſincere Acknowledgments of conſtant Happineſs, during the Courſe of your wiſe & gentle Adminiſtration. We eſteem it a freſh Inſtance of your Affection

Affection and great Regard for the Honour and Intereſt of this Colony, that you have call'd us together at this critical juncture, and given us this early Opportunity publickly to declare our Indignation & Abhorrence of ye unnatural Rebellion now raging in our Mother-Country, headed by a Popiſh Pretender, an intrigueing Dependant on our inveterate Enemies, the *French* and *Spaniards*. We are ſo deeply ſenſible of the many invaluable Bleſſings & Privileges, wch we enjoy under ye mild & juſt Government of his Majeſty King *George*, our only lawful & rightful Sovereign, that it is with ye greateſt Ardour and Sincerity we aſſure your Honour, that we are determined to venture our Lives, our Fortunes, and all that is dear to us, in Defence of his ſacred Perſon & the Succeſſion as ſettled in his royal Houſe; And that we are ready to join in a dutiful & loyal Addreſs to his Majeſty, and enter into an Aſſociation to bring theſe our Reſolutions to Effect; And were theſe prevailing Motives wanting to animate us to a due Reſentment of this daring Attempt, our own Knowledge & thorough Conviction of the Idolatry & Wickedneſs of y^e *Romiſh* Church, repreſented to us in the moſt ſtrong & lively Terms in your Honour's Speech, would alone be ſufficient to incite us to the uſe of all our Efforts to defeat this wicked Scheme, upon the event of which depend all our Rights, both religious & civil, & which we doubt not by the divine Favour on his Majeſty's Arms, will terminate in ye Confuſion of the Promoters & Abettors of it. The wiſe & pious Inſtitution of ye College of *William & Mary* amongſt us, hath been ye Source from whence ſo much real Happineſs hath been deriv'd to ye People of this Colony, as well as the Ornament of it, that we think it our indiſpenſible Duty, willingly to join wth ye other Part of ye Legiſlature in any Meaſures that may be found Neceſſary for the Encouragement & further Improvement of this uſeful Seminary, that ſo our Sons & their Deſcendants, to ye lateſt Ages, may reap the bleſſed Fruits of Sound Erudition & Learning of which, the Preſent good Order, Decency & Diſcipline of ye College, give us a pleaſing & extenſive Proſpect. Our Duty & Gratitude to his Majeſty, our Zeal for his Honour & Service, naturally induce us to aſſure y^r Honour of our Chearful Concurrence with the other Houſe, in providing while they continue among us, for the relief of thoſe brave Men, who have long ſerv'd in ye glorious Cauſe of their Country, and are now deſtin'd for the Preſervation of the important Acquiſition of Cape *Breton*.

Order'd

That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly Tranſcrib'd.

Order'd

That *John Blair* and *Wm Nelſon* Eſq^rs do wait on the Govr to know his Pleaſure when the Council ſhall Attend him with the ſame.

Then the Council adj^d till to Morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday Feby 22^d

Preſent

AS BEFORE

John Blair Eſq; reported that the Perſons appointed had according to Order waited on the Governor & his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would receive the ſaid Addreſs at Twelve o'Clock this morning in the Council Chamber.

Preſent the Governor

John Robinſon Eſq; on behalf of the Council preſented the Addreſs to the Govr to wch his Honour was pleas'd to give ye following Anſwer.

Gentlemen of the Council,

The early Care which, with your Advice, was taken, to warn his Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony of the impending Danger from a cruel & unnatural Rebellion; & ye noble Zeal and Ardour wth wch you are animated on ſo momentous an Occaſion; are as grateful to me, as they are conformable to ye conſtant Teſtimony of your ardent Paſſion for the Church of *England* and the Preſervation of his Majeſty's Government. Such a general Unanimity

Unanimity opens to our View, the agreeable Prospect of totally eradicating ye Seeds of Disloyalty, & of transporting ye Heads of Faction & Sedition to their proper Regions of despotick Pow'r; & gives us hopes of forever breathing free Air in these Lands of Liberty, under his Majesty's Mild Administration & y^t of his illustrious Family.

Your dutiful & affectionate Address therefore, demands my sincere & hearty Thanks, wch I gladly give you wth an Assurance, y^t were my Abilities equal to my Affection for *Virginia*, ye Blessings you acknowledge you enjoy under my Management, should be perfect & perpetual.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the G^l Ass^y go down & Acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Govr is now ready in the Council Chamber to receive their Address

Accordingly the Burgesses attended, & the Speaker presented their Address as follows,

Sir,

We his Majesty's most dutiful & loyal Subjects . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 156.]

To which Address his Honour was pleas'd to make ye following Answer.

Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

When the *Brittish* Arms were prosecuting their Sovereign's Engagements abroad . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 158.]

And then the Burgesses withdrew.

Adj^d till *Monday* Morning 11 o'Clock.

Monday Feby 24th.

Present

J. *ROBINSON, J. Custis, Thomas Lee, Wm Fairfax, John Blair, Wm Nelson* Esq^rs & *Wm Dawson* Clerk

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Assembly carry the following Message to the House of Burgesses

Mr Speaker *and Gent of ye House of Burgesses*,

The Council have resolv'd upon addressing his Majesty & entring into an Association, in which they desire your House to join with them, and have appointed two of their members immediately to meet in the Conference Chamber any Number of your House as a Committee to draw them up.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Carter* that upon Consideration of their Honour's Message they have Appointed four of their members as a Comittee to meet the Comittee of the Council on the Subject Matter of the said Message.

The Comittee appointed by the Council reported that they had met the Members appointed by the Burgesses, & that they had agreed to meet again in the Conference Chamber on *Thursday* next.

Adj^d till to Morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Tuesday Feby 25th.

Present

J. *ROBINSON, J. Custis, T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair* Esq^rs & *W. Dawson* Cl.

The House having no Business before them, to morrow being appointed a public Fast;

Adj^d till *Thursday* Morn^g 11. o'Clock.

Thursday

Thurſday Feby 27th

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, J. Cuſtis, Th. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J Blair, W Nelſon,* Eſqrs & *W Dawſon* Cl.

The Council met & having no Buſineſs before them
Adjourned till to Morrow 11. o'Clock.

Fryday Feby 28th

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W Nelſon* Eſqrs & *Wm Dawſon* Cl.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* that the Burgeſſes had made a Reſolve that the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds be paid by the Treaſurer out of the publick money in his Hands to Mr Secretary *Nelſon*, Mr *Digges*, Mr *Swiney*, Mr *Weſtwood*, Mr *Crawford*, Mr *Bouſh*, & Mr *Hutchins* by them to the Apply'd towards providing Firewood, Candles, freſh Proviſions & Quarters for the Soldiers bound to Cape *Breton* but by bad Weather & contrary Winds forced into this Colony in proportion to the number of Men in each County & to be accounted for to the next Aſſembly. Which Reſolve was read and ye Conſideration thereof poſtpon'd till to Morrow.

Adjd till to Morrow Morning 11. o'Clock.

Saturday March 1ſt

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Reſolve of the Burgeſſes yt the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds be paid by the Treaſurer &c was again read & unanimouſly agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſy go down & acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Reſolve.

Then the Houſe adjd till *Monday* Morn. 11. o'Clock.

Monday March 3d

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, J. Cuſtis, T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon* Eſqrs & *W. Dawſon* Cl.

The Committee reported that they, in Conjunction with thoſe appointed by the Houſe of Burgeſſes, had drawn up an Addreſs to his Majeſty, and an Aſſociation, which were read and agreed to, and are as follow—

To the King's moſt excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Governor, Council, and Burgeſſes, now met in General Aſſembly, at the City of Williamſburgh *the Day of in the* 19th *Year of your Majeſty's moſt glorious & gracious Reign.*

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty

To permit us, your ever faithful People, to preſent your Majeſty with our moſt fervent Vows, for the laſting Proſperity of your royal Perſon, & Family; and alſo with our unanimous Aſſociation enter'd into this Day to devote our Lives & Fortunes to that important Purpoſe. United by ev'ry Tye wch can bind a People; the Efforts of whoſe Gratitude cannot equal its Ardour, we moſt Humbly beg Leave to Aſſure your Majeſty that we are among the moſt zealous of our Fellow-Subjects in your royal Cauſe, although thro' our remote Situation we could not be among the foremoſt to profeſs our Loyalty:

And

And that we are ready to oppoſe ourſelves to ev'ry Danger wch can effect ye Safety of your Majeſty's ſacred Perſon & Family, the ſureſt Defence, under God, of *Britiſh* Freedom & Religious Truth. May the great Lord of Hoſts go forth with your Majeſty's Armies, Break the Bow, & knap the Spear in ſunder wch are impiouſly lifted up agt his Anointed. May Heaven direct & proſper all your Majeſty's Councils, and may the King of Kings ſo hear ye Prayers of your Majeſty's loyal Subjects, that your Majeſty's Reign over us, may be long & happy, and, in Succeſſion, that of your royal Houſe to the laſt moment of Time.

Whereas there is now an horrid & unnatural Rebellion form'd & Carry'd on in *Scotland* excited by Popiſh Treaſon to deprive us of our Religion, Liberty, & Properties, by dethroning (wch God forbid) his Sacred Majeſty King *George*, our only lawful & rightful King; and by bringing in to rule us with the Iron Rod of Cruelty & Uſurpation, an abjured Pretender, the abject Dependant on ye Bigotry of *Rome* & ye Tyrany of *Spain* & *France* We the Governor, Council and Burgeſſes of *Virginia* now met in General Aſſembly in Behalf of ourſelves & of all the good People of this his Majeſty's moſt Antient Colony & Dominion, being unalterably determin'd to oppoſe & prevent to our utmoſt ev'ry Treaſon agt ye Perſon & Family of his moſt ſacred Majeſty King *George*, & any Subverſon of our moſt excellent Eſtabliſhmt in Church or State, in Gratitude to his Majeſty & Love to our Country, do voluntarily & willingly bind Ourſelves, everyone of us to the other, jointly & ſeverally in the Band of one firm & Loyal ſociety. And do hereby promiſe yt wth our whole Powers, Bodies, Lives, & Eſtates We & ev'ry of us will ſtand by & aſſiſt each other in the Support & Defence of his Majeſty's ſacred Perſon & Government and will withſtand, offend, & purſue as well by Force of arms, as by all other means, the ſd Popiſh Pretender & Traytors, & alſo all manner of Perſons of whatſoever State they be, and their Abettors, that ſhall Attempt, Act, Counſel, or conſent to any Thing that ſhall tend to ye Harm of his Majeſty King *George*, or his Royal Highneſs *Frederick* Prince of *Wales*, or any of their Iſſue, or to the Subverſion of his Majeſty's Governmt And We do by this Inſtrument declare that no one of us ſhall for any Reſpect of Perſon or Cauſes or for Fear or Reward ſeparate ourſelves from this Aſſociation, or fail in the Proſecution thereof during our Lives.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Waller* that they had paſs'd a Bill intituled *An Act to explain a Clauſe in the* Act declaring what ſhall be a ſufficient Seating, Planting, Cultivating, & Improving of Lands already granted or hereafter to be taken up & patented—.

Which Bill was read the firſt Time &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

Adjd till 11. o'Clock to morrow morning

Tueſday March 4th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſemy go down & Acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council, having receiv'd the Report of their Comittees who in Conjunction with thoſe appointed by their Houſe have drawn up an Addreſs to his Majeſty & an Aſſociation, have Agreed to ye ſame, & ſent them to their Houſe, deſiring their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Fry* & others that they had agreed to the Aſſociation wthout any Amendment, & to the Addreſs with one amendment, to which they deſir'd the Council's Concurrence.

Order'd

That Cl. Gl Aſſy go down & acquaint H. B. that the Council Agree to the Amendment propoſed by their Houſe to the Addreſs.

Adjd till to Morrow 11. o'Clock.

Wedneſday

Wednesday March 5th

Present

AS BEFORE

The Council having no Business before them
Adj^d till one o'Clock to Morrow.

Thursday March 6th

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message from H. B. by Mr *Conway* that they had pass'd a Resolve for allowing 280 £ ℔ *An* to *Wm Parks* to the next Session of Assembly.

Order'd That the Thanks of this House be given to Mr *Comissary* for his excellent Sermon, preach'd this Day, & y^t he be desir'd to have it printed; and that *Thomas Lee* & *John Blair* Esq^rs acquaint him therewith.

Order'd

That Cl. G^l Ass^y go down & acquaint H. B. that the Council Agree to their Resolve for the Allowance of 280 £ ℔ *An* to Mr *Parks*.

Adj^d till 11. to morrow.

Friday March 7th

Present

AS BEFORE

This House being inform'd that Mr *Comissary* was attending at the Door with a great number of ye Clergy in Order to present an Address to their Honours, they were accordingly Admitted and Mr *Comissary* spoke as follows,

Mr President, *and Gentlemen of the Council,*

We the Clergy of this Dominion of *Virginia* . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 177.]

To which Mr *President* was pleas'd to return ye following Answer,

Mr Commissary, *and Reverend Gentlemen,*

It is a very sensible Pleasure to ye Council that the Legislature have acted in Relation to ye Clergy, to your Satisfaction. And as we have a very great Esteem for your Functions, you may be assured that we shall readily concur in all such Instances of our Regards for you, as can be reasonably expected from us.

A Message from H. B. by Mr *Carter* that they had returned the address to his Majesty and the Association to be sign'd by the Governor & Council, and desire that the same may be afterwards sent down again for them to sign.

Order'd

That two fair Copies of ye Address & Association be Transcribed.

Adj^d till 11. o'Clock to Morrow.

Saturday March 8th

Present

JOHN ROBINSON, John Custis, Thomas Lee, Wm Fairfax, John Blair, Wm Nelson Esq^rs & *Wm Dawson* Cl.

The Council having no Business before them
adj^d till *Monday* Morning 11. o'Clock.

Monday

Monday March 10th

Prefent

J. *ROBINSON, J. Cuftis, T. Lee, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelfon* Efqrs & *W. Dawfon* Cl.

The Council having no Bufinefs before them
Adjd till 11. o'Clock to Morrow.

Tuefday 11th *March*

Prefent

J. *ROBINSON, J. Cuftis, T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelfon* Efqrs & *W. Dawfon* Cl.

A Meffage from H. of B. by Mr *Burwell* that they had paffed a Bill intd *An Act for enlarging the Power of the Sherif of* James City *County*. Which Bill was read the firft Time &

Order'd

To be read a Second Time.

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Conway* that they had paffed a Bill intd *An Act for uniting the Parifhes of* Chrift Church & Saint Mary's White Chappel *for diffolving the Veftries of the Parifhes of* Saint Margaret & Newport & *for confirming the Veftries of the Parifh of* St Anne & Truro. Which Bill was read ye firft Time &

Order'd

To be read a fecond Time.

Then the Houfe Adjd till 11. o'Clock To Morrow

Wednefday March 12th

Prefent

AS ABOVE

The Bill intd *An Act for uniting the Parifhes of* Chrift Church & St Mary's White Chappel &c was read a Second Time &

Order'd

To be committed for ye Allegations to be prov'd.

The Bill, intd *An Act for enlarging the Power of the Sherif of* James City *County* was read a fecond Time &

Order'd

a third Reading which was immediately done

Refolv'd

That the Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That Cl. Gl Affy go down & acquaint H. B. that the Council have agreed to the fame without any Amendments.

The Bill, intd *An Act to explain a Claufe in the* Act declaring what fhall be a fufficient Seating &c was read a Second Time &

Order'd

To be committed for Amendments to Mr *Blair* & Mr *Dawfon*.

Adjd till 11. o'Clock To-morrow.

Thurfday

Thurſday March 13th

Preſent

AS ABOVE

The Governor this Day came into the Council Chamber & Signed the Addreſs to his Majeſty, & Aſſociation, & alſo a Duplicate; Mr *Preſident* ſign'd the Addreſs, & ev'ry Member the Aſſociation. Mr *Preſident* afterwards delivered them to the Govnr & deſir'd his Honour to have them tranſmitted & preſented to his Majeſty in their Name.

Order'd

That Cl. G. Ay go & acquaint H. B. that the Govnr & Council have ſigned the Addreſs to his Majeſty & the Aſſociation, & alſo a Duplicate, & ſent them down for their Houſe to ſign; that they have left a Blank for the Date & propoſe to have it filled up with the 21ſt of *February*.

Then the Houſe adjd till 11. o'Clock To-morrow.

Friday March 14th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Council having inquired into the Allegations of the Bill, intitled *An Act for uniting the Pariſhes of* Chriſt Church & St Mary's White Chappel *&c*

A Queſtion was put whether what relates to the uniting of the Pariſhes of *Chriſt Church* and *St Mary's White Chappel* be ſtruck out of the Bill, *it paſſed in the Affirmative*

Reſolv'd

That all which relates to ye ſd two Pariſhes in the Bill be ſtruck out.

After ſev'ral Amendments propoſed & agreed to, the Bill was read a third Time as amended &

Reſolv'd

That ye ſd Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd

That C G. A. go & acquaint H. B. that the Council have agreed to the ſd Bill wth ſev'ral Amendments, & deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe Adjd till 11. o'Clock To-morrow

Saturday March 15th

Preſent

J. ROBINSON, J. Cuſtis, Ts. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon Eſqrs & *W. Dawſon* Cl.

Adjd till 11. o'Clock *Monday* Morning

Monday March 17th

Preſent

J. ROBINSON, J. Cuſtis, T. Lee, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon Eſqrs & *W. Dawſon* Cl.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Wm Waller* that they had paſſed a Bill, intd *An Act to aſcertain what Number of Veſtrymen may hold a Veſtry or make an Order*, Which was Read the firſt Time &

Order'd

To be Read a ſecond Time.

J. Blair Eſq; from the Committee to whom the Bill int^d *An Act to explain a Clauſe in the* Act declaring what ſhall be ſufficient Seating &c was committed for Amendments, reported that they had made ſome Progreſs therein, & deſir'd further Time to conſider the ſame.

Adj^d till 11. o'Clock To-morrow.

Tueſday March 18th

Preſent

J. ROBINSON, *J. Cuſtis, T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon* Eſq^rs & *W. Dawſon* Cl.

The Bill, int^d *An Act to aſcertain what Number of Veſtrymen may hold a Veſtry or make an Order*, was read the ſecond Time, &

Order'd

To be committed for Amendments.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Bland* that they had paſs'd a Bill, int^d *An Act to make it Felony to ſteal Bonds, Notes or other Securities for the Payment of Money or Tobacco*, which Bill was read the firſt Time &

Order'd

To be read a Second Time.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Conway* that they had conſidered the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill, int^d *An Act for uniting the Pariſhes of* Chriſt Church & St Mary's White Chappel *&c* that they had agreed to one Amendment, & diſagreed to the others, and deſire the Council to paſs the Bill with the Amendment by them agreed to.

Whereupon a Queſtion was put whether this Houſe will Adhere to their Amend^ts to the ſaid Bill & *it paſs'd in the Aff^ve*.

Reſolv'd

That this Houſe do adhere to their Amendments.

Order'd

That C. G. A. go & acq^t H. B. that the Council do adhere to their Amendments to y^e ſ^d Bill, & deſire them to paſs it as amended.

Adj^d till 11. To-morrow.

Wedneſday March 19th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Bill, int^d *An Act to aſcertain what Number of Veſtrymen may hold a Veſtry &c* after ſome Amendments propoſed & agreed to, was read ye third Time as amended, &

Reſolv'd

That y^e ſ^d Bill wth the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd

That C. G. A. go & acquaint H. B. that the Council have agreed to y^e ſ^d Bill wth ſome Amendments, & deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill, int^d *An Act to make it Felony to ſteal Bonds &c* was read a Second Time, &

Order'd

A third Reading.

Then the Council Adj^d till 11. o'Clock To-morrow.

Thurſday

Thurſday March 20th

Preſent

AS BEFORE.

The Bill, intd *An Act to make it Felony to ſteal Bonds, &c* was read a third Time and the Queſtion being put that the ſd Bill be agreed to,

It paſs'd in the Negative

Reſolv'd

That the Bill be rejected.

Adjd till 11. o'Clock To-morrow.

Friday March 21ſt

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, J. Grymes, J. Cuſtis, T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon* Eſqrs & *W. Dawſon* Cl.

Adjd till 11. o'Clock To-morrow.

Saturday March 22d

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

Adjd till *Monday* Morning 11. o'Clock.

Monday March 24th

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, J. Grymes, J. Cuſtis, T. Lee, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon* Eſqrs & *W. Dawſon* Cl.

The Council met and Adjd till 11. o'Clock To-morrow.

Tueſday March 25th

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *William Waller* that they had diſagreed to the Amendments propos'd by the Council to the Bill, intd *An Act to aſcertain what Number of Veſtrymen may hold a Veſtry or make an Order*, and deſire the Council to agree to the Bill without the ſaid Amendments.

And the Queſtion being put whether this Houſe will inſiſt on their Amendments diſagreed to by the Burgeſſes, *it paſſed in the Affve*

Reſolv'd

That this Houſe do inſiſt on their Amendments, &

Order'd

That C. G. A. go down and Acquaint H. B. yt the Council inſiſt on ye ſd Amendments.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Whiting* that they had paſs'd a Bill, intd *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees and other Purpoſes therein mention'd.*

Alſo a Bill, intd *An Act to dock the Entail of certain Lands therein mention'd and to veſt the ſame in* Thomas Todd *in Fee Simple and for ſettling ſeveral Slaves therein mention'd in Lieu thereof to the ſame Uſes.*

Which Bills were read the firſt Time, &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time, and that all Parties be Ready To-morrow to make out the Truth of the Allegations in the ſd laſt mention'd Bills.

Adjd till 11. To-morrow.

Wedneſday

Wednesday March 26th

Present

J. ROBINSON, *J. Grymes, J. Custis, T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelson* Esqrs & *W. Dawson* Cl.

A Bill intd *An Act to dock the Entail of certain Lands therein mention'd and to vest the same in* Thomas Tood [Todd] *in Fee simple &c.*

Read the second Time, and the Allegations thereof being prov'd to the Satisfaction of the Council

Order'd

That the Bill be Committed for Amendments.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Conway* that they had pass'd a Bill intd *An Act for the Encouragement of the Manufacture of Salt Petre.*

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Whiting* that they had pass'd a Bill intd *An Act for docking the Entail of certain Lands in the County of* Gloucester *late the Estate of* John Smith *and vesting the same in Trustees to be sold and the Money Arising therefrom to be laid out in Slaves to be Settled to the same uses.*

Also a Bill intd *An Act for dividing the County of* Brunswick *& Parish of* Saint Andrew *and for other Purposes therein mention'd.*

A Bill, intd *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain officers Fees &c.* Read the second Time, &

Order'd

To be read a third Time.

A Bill, intd *An Act for docking the Entail of certain Lands in the County of* Gloucester *late the Estate of* John Smith *&c.* Read the First Time &

Order'd

That the said Bill be read a second Time To-morrow, and that all Parties be then Ready to make out the Truth of the Allegations in the said Bill.

A Bill, intd *An Act for the Encouragement of the Manufacture of Salt Petre* Read the first Time, &

Order'd To be read a second Time.

A Bill, intd *An Act for dividing the County of* Brunswick *&c*, Read the first Time, &

Order'd

To be read a second Time

Thursday March 27th

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

A Bill, intd *An Act for the Encouragemt of the Manufacture of Salt Petre* Read the second Time, &

Order'd

That the sd Bill be Committed for Amendments.

A Bill, intd *An Act for dividing the County of* Brunswick, *&c* Read the Second Time, &

Order'd

To be read a Third Time.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Braxton* that they had pass'd a Bill, intd *An Act for continuing the Act, intd* An Act for laying a Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyer.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Richard Randolph* that they had pass'd a Bill, intd *An Act for explaining* An Act for amending the Act, intd *An Act for settling the Title & Bounds of Lands, and for preventing unlawful Shooting & ranging thereupon*

A

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter Burwell* that they had paſs'd a Bill intd *An Act to amend the* Act for giving a Reward for killing Wolves in the County of *Frederick* to be levied on the Inhabitants of the ſaid County by the Court and for altering ſeveral Court Days and to Collect a Tax already laid on the Inhabitants of *Auguſta* County.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Eyre* that they had paſs'd a Bill, intd *An Act to veſt Eighty Seven Acres of Land appropriated for a Glebe in the Pariſh of* Hungars *in the County of* Northampton *in Truſtees to be ſold and for other Purpoſes therein mention'd.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Bland* that they had paſs'd a Bill, intd *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Towns of* Peterſburg *and* Blandford *in the County of* Prince George *and for preventing the Building Wooden Chimnies in the ſd Towns.*

All which Bills were read the Firſt Time, &

Order'd

To be read a Second Time.

A Bill, intd *An Act for docking the Entail of certain Lands in the County of* Glouceſter *late the Eſtate of* John Smith *&c*

Read the Second Time, and the Allegations thereof being prov'd to the Satisfaction of the Council,

Order'd

That the Bill be read the third Time.

A Bill, intd *An Act to dock the Entail of certain Lands therein mention'd and to veſt the ſame in* Thomas Todd *in Fee Simple &c*

Read the Third Time wth the Amendments

Reſolv'd

That the Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

A Bill, intd *An Act for the better regulating and Collecting certain Officers Fees, &c.*

Reſolv'd

That the Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſy go down & acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the Bill, intd *An Act for the better regulating and Collecting certain Officers Fees &c* without any Amendment; And to the Bill, intd *An Act to dock the Entail of certain Lands therein mention'd & to Veſt the ſame in* Thomas Todd *in Fee ſimple &c* with ſome Amendments, to wch they deſire their Concurrence.

Adjd till *Monday* Morning 11. o'Clock.

Monday March 31ſt

Preſent

J. ROBINSON, J. Grymes, J. Cuſtis, T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon Eſqrs & *W. Dawſon* Cl.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Lomax* that they had paſs'd a Bill intd *An Act for preventing the Building of Wooden Chimnies in the ſeveral Towns therein mentioned and pulling down ſuch as are already built in the ſaid Towns and to reſtrain Hogs going at large in* Newtown & Newcaſtle.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Beverley Randolph* and others that they had paſs'd a Bill intd *An Act for reducing the Laws made for laying a Duty on Liquors into one Act of Aſſembly.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* that they had paſs'd a Bill intd *An Act for confirming the Veſtries of the Pariſhes of* Saint Anne *and* Truro *and for diſſolving the Veſtries of the Pariſhes of* Saint Margaret & Newport.

Alſo

Alſo a Bill int^d *An Act for further Amending the Act int^d* An Act for reducing the Laws made for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in His Majeſty's Cuſtoms into one Act of Aſſembly.

All which Bills aforeſaid were Read the firſt Time and

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill int^d *An Act for continuing the Act int^d* An Act for laying a Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyer Read a ſecond Time &

Order'd

To be Read a third Time.

A Bill int^d *An Act to Amend the* Act for giving a Reward for killing Wolves &c. Read a Second Time, &

Order'd

To be read a Third Time.

A Bill int^d *An Act for explaining* An Act for amending the Act int^d *An Act for ſettling the Title and Bounds of Lands, and for preventing unlawful ſhooting and ranging thereupon* was read a ſecond Time, and

The Queſtion being put whether the ſame ſhall be read a third Time,

It paſs'd in the Neg^ve.

Reſolv'd

That the ſame be rejected.

A Bill, int^d *An Act to veſt Eighty Seven Acres of Land appropriated for a Glebe in the Pariſh of* Hungars *in the County of* Northampton *in Truſtees &c* Read a ſecond Time, & committed for Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Whiting* that they had agreed to the Council's Amendments to a Bill int^d *An Act to dock the Entail of certain Lands therein mentioned and to veſt the ſame in* Thomas Todd *in Fee Simple &c.*

A Bill int^d *An Act for the Encouragement of the Manufacture of Salt Petre* after ſome Amendments propoſed and agreed to, was read the third Time as Amended.

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Cl. of the Genl Aſſ^y go down and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſame with ſome Amendments and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, int^d *An Act for dividing the County of* Brunſwick *&c*

Read a third Time and the Queſtion being put that the ſ^d Bill be agreed to, *it paſs'd in the Affirmative*

Reſolv'd

That the ſame be agreed to.

A Bill int^d *An Act for docking the Entail of certain Lands in the County of* Glouceſter *late the Eſtate of* John Smith *&c*

Read the third Time &

Reſolv'd

That the ſame be agreed to.

Order'd

That Cl. G^l Aſſ^y go and acquaint H. B. that the Council have agreed to the two laſt mentioned Bills without any Amendments.

Adj^d till 11. o'Clock To-morrow.

Tueſday April the firſt

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY.

A Bill, int^d *An Act for reducing the Laws made for laying a Duty on Liquors into one Act of Aſſembly*, was read the ſecond Time &

Order'd

To be read a third Time.

A Bill, int^d *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Towns of* Peterſburg & Blandford, *&c* Was read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put that the ſame be Read a third Time, *it paſs'd in the Negative.*

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

A Bill, int^d *An Act to veſt Eighty Seven Acres of Land appropriated for a Glebe in the Pariſh of* Hungars *&c.* after an Amendment made at the Table was read a third Time as amended

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendment be agreed to.

A Bill, int^d *An Act for reducing the Laws made for laying a Duty on Liquors &c.* Was read a third Time

Reſolv'd

That the ſame be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Cl. Genl Aſſ^y go down & acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the firſt with an Amendment, and deſire their Concurrence thereto, and to the laſt Bill without any Amendment.

A Bill, int^d *An Act for confirming the Veſtries of the Pariſhes of* St Anne, & Truro *&c.* Was Read a ſecond Time &

Order'd

To be read a third Time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Barrett* that they had paſs'd a Bill int^d *An Act for obliging the Pariſh of* St Martin *to repay to the Pariſh of* Frederickſville *their Proportion of Ninety four Pounds levied on the ſaid Pariſh of* St Martin *before the Diviſion thereof.*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, int^d *An Act for preventing the Building of Wooden Chimnies in the ſeveral Towns therein mention'd, and pulling down ſuch as are already built &c*

Was read a ſecond Time, &

Order'd

To be Committed to *William Nelſon* Eſq; for Amendments

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Eyre*, that they had agreed to the Amendment propoſed by the Council to a Bill int^d *An Act to veſt Eighty Seven Acres of Land appropriated for a Glebe &c.*

Preſent *Philip Lightfoot* Eſq;

A Bill, int^d *An Act for reducing the Laws made for amending the Staple of Tobacco &c* Was read a ſecond Time, &

Order'd

To be committed to *Wm Nelſon* Eſq; for Amendments.

A Bill int^d *An Act for continuing the Act int^d* An Act for laying a Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyer, was Read a third Time

Reſolv'd

That the Same be agreed to.

A Bill int^d *An Act to amend the* Act for giving a Reward for killing Wolves &c

Read a third Time

Reſolv'd

That the ſame be agreed to.

A Bill int^d *An Act for confirming the Veſtries of the Pariſhes of* St Anne *and* Truro *&c*

Read a third Time

Reſolv'd

That the Same be agreed to

Order'd

Order'd

That Cl. G[l] A. go down and acquaint H. B. that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bills without any Amendments.

John Blair Eſq; brought in a Bill int[d] *An Act for the better ſecuring the Payment of His Majeſty's Quit Rents* Which Bill was read the firſt Time &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

Adj[d] till 11. o'Clock To-morrow.

Wedneſday April 2[d]

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by M[r] *Waller* that they had paſs'd a Bill int[d] *An Act to regulate Attornies Practiſing in the County Courts and the granting Writs of* Certiorari—Which Bill was read the firſt Time &

Order'd

A ſecond Reading.

William Nelſon Eſq; reported that he had prepar'd Amendments to a Bill, committed to him, int[d] *An Act for preventing the building of Wooden Chimnies in the ſeveral Towns therein mentioned, &c.*

Alſo to a Bill int[d] *An Act for reducing the Laws made for amending the Staple of Tobacco &c* And the Amendments to the ſaid Bills having been read and diſagreed to,

The ſaid Bills were read a third Time, &

Reſolv'd

That the ſ[d] Bills be agreed to, &

Order'd

That the Cl. G[l] Aſſ[y] go down & acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſ[d] Bills without any Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by M[r] *Corbin* that they had paſs'd a Bill int[d] *An Act to enable* George Eſkridge *to ſell part of a Tract of Land not exceeding Three Hundred & Fifty Acres to raiſe Money for the Payment of his proportionable Part of the Debts of his Grandfather.*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time &

Order'd

A Second Reading

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by M[r] *Ludwell* that they had paſs'd a Reſolve that a Sum of Money not exceeding two Hundred Pounds be paid by the Treaſurer out of the publick Money in his Hands to the Hon[ble] *William Gooch* Eſq; to be by him remitted to ſuch Perſons as he ſhall think proper and to be by them preſented in the name of this Colony to the ſix Nations of Indians. Which Reſolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the C. G. A. go & acquaint H. B. that the Council have agreed to the ſ[d] Reſolve.

A Meſſage from H. B. by M[r] *Conway* that they had had under their Conſideration the Councils Amendments to a Bill int[d] *An Act for the Encouragement of the Manufacture of Salt Petre*, that they agreed to all the Amendments but one and deſire the Council to paſs the Bill with the Amendments by them agreed to.

A Meſſage from H. B. by M[r] *Fry* that they had paſs'd a Bill int[d] *An Act for altering ſeveral Court Days.* Which Bill was read a firſt Time, &

Order'd

A Second Reading.

A Bill int^d *An Act for obliging the Parish of* Saint Martin *to repay to the Parish of* Frederickſville *&c* was read a ſecond Time &

Order'd

To be read a third Time.

Then the Houſe Adj^d till 11. o'Clock To-morrow.

Thurſday April the third.

Preſent

J. ROBINSON, *J. Grymes, J. Cuſtis, P. Lightfoot, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon* Eſq^rs & *W. Dawſon* Cl.

A Bill int^d *An Act for the better ſecuring the Payment of His Majeſty's Quit Rents*, was read a ſecond Time, &

Or^d That the ſ^d Bill be engroſs'd.

The Council took under Conſideration an Amendment propoſed by them to the Bill int^d *An Act for the Encouragement of the Manufacture of Salt Petre* diſagreed to by the Burgeſſes, & it was

Reſolv'd

That the ſ^d Bill be agreed to with the Amendments agreed to by the Burgeſſes.

A Bill int^d *An Act for obliging the Parish of* St Martin *to repay &c*

Was read the third Time &

Reſolv'd

That the ſame be agreed to.

Or^d That Cl. G. A. go down & acquaint H. B. that the Council have receeded from their Amend^t to the firſt mention'd Bill, diſagreed to by them, & paſs^d the ſame wth the Amendments agreed to, and that they have agreed to the laſt mention'd Bill, without any Amendments.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Conway*, that they had paſs'd a Bill, int^d *An Act declaring what ſhall be accounted a ſufficient Seating, planting, cultivating and improving of Lands already granted or hereafter to be taken up & patented*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time &

Or^d a Second Reading.

A Bill, int^d *An Act to regulate Attornies practiſing &c.* was read a ſecond Time,

Order'd

That the ſ^d Bill be Committed.

A Bill int^d *An Act to enable* George Eskridge *to ſell Part of a Tract of Land &c*

was read a ſecond Time and the Allegations thereof being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council,

Order'd

That the ſame be read a third Time.

A Bill, int^d *An Act for altering ſeveral Court Days*

Read a ſecond Time &

Order'd

To be read a third Time.

Adj^d till 11. o'Clock To-morrow.

Friday April 4th

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

An engroſs'd Bill int^d *An Act for the better ſecuring the Payment of His Majeſty's Quit Rents.* Read a third Time.

Reſolv'd

That the ſ^d Bill do paſs.

Order'd

Order'd

That the Cl. G. A. go down & acquaint H. B. that the Council have paſs'd the ſaid Bill, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Whiting* that they had paſs'd a Bill intd *An Act to amend the* Act for eſtabliſhing the General Courts & for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Beverley* that they had paſs'd a Bill intd *An Act for making Reparation for the Tobacco lately damaged and loſt in* Gray*'s Creek and* York *Warehouſes.*

Which Bills were ſeverally read the firſt Time &

Order'd

A ſecond Reading.

A Bill, intd *An Act to enable* George Eskridge *&c* Read a third Time

Reſolv'd

That the ſd Bill be agreed to.

A Bill, intd *An Act for altering ſev'ral Court Days*—Read a third Time.

Reſd

That the ſd Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That C. G. A. go & acqt H. B. yt the Council have agreed to the ſd two Bills without any Amendments.

A Bill intd *An Act Declaring what ſhall be accounted a ſufficient Seating &c* was Read a ſecond Time, & Committed.

Saturday April 5th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Bill, intd *An Act to regulate Attornies practiſing &c.* Read a third Time with Amendments.

Reſolv'd

That the Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Cl. G. A. go & acqt H. B. yt the Council have agreed to the ſd Bill with ſome Amendments and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill, intd *An Act to amend the* Act for eſtabliſhing the General Court &c

Read a ſecond Time—

Order'd

That the ſd Bill be committed for Amendments.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *William Randolph* that they had paſs'd a Bill intd *An Act for the more effectual Clearing of* James *&* Appomattox *Rivers*

Which Bill was read a firſt Time &

Order'd

A Second Reading

A Bill, intd *An Act for making Reparation for the Tobacco lately damaged &c*

Read a ſecond Time & Order'd To be read a third Time immediately—which Bill was accordingly read the third Time,

Reſolv'd

That ye ſd Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That Cl. G. A. go down and acqt H. B. that the Council have agreed to the ſame without any Amendments.

Then the Houſe

Adjd till *Monday* Morning 11. o'Clock.

Monday

Monday April 7th

Prefent

J. ROBINSON, *J. Grymes, J. Cuftis, P. Lightfoot, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelfon* Efqrs & *W. Dawfon* Cl.

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Benj: Waller* that they had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to a Bill intd *An Act to regulate Attornies practifing &c.*

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Beverley* that they had pafs'd the Book of Claims.

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Corbin* that they had pafs'd a Bill intd *An Act for amending An Act intd* An Act for Encouragement of building Water Mills—Which Bill was read the firft Time, and

Order'd

A fecond Reading.

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Harmer* that they had pafs'd a Bill intd *An Act for giving a further Premium for raifing and Exporting Hemp*—Which was read the 1ft Time

Order'd

A Second Reading

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Carter* that they had pafs'd the Treafurer's Accounts alfo a Bill intd *An Act for giving a certain Sum of money to Truftees for clearing the* Fluvanna *and for appointing a ftore houfe at* Weftham *and for other purpofes therein mention'd* which Bill was read a firft Time &

Order'd

A Second Reading

Order'd

That the Treafurer's Accounts be referr'd to *J Blair* & *W Nelfon* Efqrs

Adjd till 11. o'Clock To-morrow.

Tuefday April 8th

Prefent

J. ROBINSON, *J. Grymes, J. Cuftis, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelfon* Efqrs & *W. Dawfon* Cl.

J. Blair[1] Efqrs reported that they had examin'd the Treafurer's Accounts referr'd to them, & found them to be truly ftated.

The Book of Claims was read, and agreed to wth an Amendment made at ye Table

Order'd

That Cl. G. A. go & Acqt H. B. yt the Council have pafs'd the Treafurer's Accounts and agreed to the Book of Claims wth an Amendment, and defire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Braxton* that they had pafs'd a Bill intd *An Act to explain and amend an Act intd* An Act for licenfing Pedlars & preventing Frauds in the Duties upon Skins and Furs. Which Bill was read the firft Time and

Order'd

A Second Reading

A Bill intd *An Act for the more effectual Clearing of* James & Appomattox *Rivers.*

Read a fecond Time

Order'd

That the fd Bill be committed.

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Beverley* that they difagreed to the Council's Amendment to the Book of Claims.

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[1] The record here is defective, the name of the member of the Council associated with Mr. Blair in the examination of the Treasurer's accounts being omitted.

A Bill int^d *An Act to amend the* Act for eſtabliſhing the General Courts &c was read a third Time with Amendments

Reſolv'd

That the Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

A Bill int^d *an Act for giving a further Premium for raiſing and exporting Hemp.* Read a ſecond Time, and an Amendment being propos'd at [the Table &] Agreed to.

Order'd

That y^e ſ^d Bill wth ye Amendm^t be read immediately a third Time,

A Bill int^d *An Act for giving a further Premium for raiſing & exporting Hemp* Read a third Time

Ref^d

That the ſ^d Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd

That Cl. G. A. go down & acq^t the Burgeſſes y^t the Council have agreed to the two laſt mention'd Bills with Amendments and deſire their Concurrence thereto, and that they do inſiſt on their Amendment made to the Book of Claims diſagreed to by them.

Adj^d till To-morrow 11. o'Clock.

Wedneſday April 9th

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Conway* that they had agreed to the Bill, int^d *An Act for the better ſecuring the Payment of His Majeſty's Quit-Rents;* with ſome Amendm^ts to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Beverley* that they adhere to their Diſagreem^t to the Councils Amendments to the Book of Claims.

Reſolv'd

That the Council do recede from their Amendm^ts to the Book of Claims.

Order'd

That the C. G. A. go down & acq^t H. B. y^t ye Council recede from their Amendm^ts to the Book of Claims.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Braxton* that they had paſs'd a Bill, int^d *An Act for Continuing and Amending an Act int^d* An Act for inſpecting Weighing & Stamping all Pork & Beef Packed in this Colony or imported for Sale before the ſame ſhall be ſold here or ſhipp'd for Exportation, and to amend the Act int^d *An Act for aſcertaining the Gauge of Barrels for Pork, Beef Tar and Pitch and for inſpecting weighing & ſtamping all Flour exported*—Which Bill was read a firſt Time, and

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Wormeley* that they had paſs'd a Bill int^d *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, which Bill was read a firſt Time &

Order'd

A Second Reading

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Carter* that they had paſs'd a Bill int^d *An Act for appointing Several New Ferries*—Read a firſt Time, and

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Beverley* that they had agreed to the Councils Amendm^ts to the Bill, int^d *An Act to amend the* Act for eſtabliſhing the General Courts &c

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Waller* that they had agreed to the Councils Amendm^ts to the Bill int^d *An Act for giving a further Premium for raiſing and exporting Hemp.*

A

A Bill, int^d *An Act for the more effectual clearing of* James *and* Appomattox *Rivers* Was read a third Time with Amendm^ts

Ref^d

That the ſame be agreed to as amended.

A Bill int^d *An Act for giving a certain ſum of Money to Truſtees for clearing y^e* Fluvanna *&c.*

Read a third Time with Amendments

Ref^d

That the ſame as Amended be agreed to

Order'd

That C. G. A. go down & acq^t H. B. that the Council have agreed to the two laſt mention'd Bills with ſome Amendments, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill int^d *An Act for appointing ſeveral New Ferries*, read a ſecond Time and An Amendm^t being made at the Table

Order'd

To be read a third Time as amended—Read a third Time accordingly.

Ref^d

That the ſ^d Bill be agreed to with the Amendm^t.

Order'd

That C. G. A. go & acq^t H. B. that the Council have agreed to the ſ^d Bill with an Amendm^t and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill int^d *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes in Money &c* Read a ſecond Time, &

Order'd

To be read a third Time immediately

A Bill int^d *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes in Money &c.* Read a third Time

Ref^d

That the ſame be agreed to.

Order'd

That C. G. A. go & acq^t H. B. that the Council have agreed to the ſame.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Bland* that they had agreed to the Councils Amend^ts to a Bill int^d *An Act for the more effectual clearing* James *&* Appomattox *Rivers.*

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Carter* that they had agreed to the Councils Amend^ts to the Bill int^d *An Act for giving a certain Sum of Money to Truſtees for clearing the* Fluvanna *&c*—

A Bill int^d *An Act for continuing and amending An Act int^d* An Act for inſpecting Weighing and ſtamping all Pork & Beef &c Was read a ſecond Time & Order'd to be Read a third Time.

Adj^d till 11. o'Clock To-morrow.

Thurſday April 10th

Preſent

J. ROBINSON, J. Grymes, J. Cuſtis, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon Eſq^rs & *W. Dawſon* Cl.

The Council took under their Conſideration the Amendments propos'd by the Burgeſſes to a Bill int^d *An Act for the better ſecuring the Payment of His Majeſty's Quit-Rents*

Order'd

That C.G.A. go & acq^t H. B. y^t ye Council have agreed to ſome of the Amendments, made Amendm^ts to ſome of their Amendm^ts, & diſagreed to others, & deſire that they'll paſs the Bill wth the Amend^ts agreed to & propoſed by the Council.

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A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Benj: Waller* that they have under their Conſideration a Bill for the Reviſal of the Laws by a Comittee of both Houſes, and deſire to know the Number and Names of the members the Council will pleaſe to appoint to join in ſuch Comittee.

Order'd

That C. G. A. go & acqt H. B. that the Council have appointed *John Blair, Wm Nelſon* Eſqrs & *Wm Dawſon* Cl. to join in a Comittee with any number of their Houſe for a Reviſal of ye Laws.

A Bill intd *An Act for continuing and amending* an Act for inſpecting weighing and ſtamping all Pork & Beef &c Was read a third Time

Reſolv'd

That the ſame be agreed to.

A Bill intd *an Act for amending An Act intd* an Act for Encouragement of building Water-Mills Was read a third Time with Amendments

Reſolv'd

That the ſd Bill with the Amendments be agreed to

Order'd

That C. G. A. go & acqt H. B. that the Council have agreed to the firſt of the ſaid Bills without any Amendments, and to the laſt with Amendmts & deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill intd *An Act to explain & amend an Act intd* an Act for licenſing Pedlars &c was read a ſecond Time &

Order'd

To be read a third Time immediately—Read a third Time accordingly &

Reſolv'd

That the ſd Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That C. G. A. go & acqt H. B. that the Council 've agreed to the ſame.

A Bill intd *An Act to amend an Act intd* an Act declaring what ſhall be accounted a ſufficient Seating, planting cultivating &c. Read a ſecond Time & committed

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Bland* that they inſiſt on their Amendts diſagreed to by ye Council to a Bill intd *An Act for the better ſecuring the Payment of His Majeſty's Quit-Rents.*

Refd

That the Council do adhere to yr Diſagreemt to the Burgeſſes Amendts to the ſd Bill &

Order'd

That C. G. A. go & acqt H. B. yt the Council adhere to yr diſagreemts to ye Amendments propoſed and inſiſted on by the Burgeſſes to ye ſd Bill, and deſire they'll paſs ye Bill with the Amendments agreed to.

Adjd till 11. o'Clock To-morrow.

Friday April 11th

Preſent

J. ROBINSON, J. Grymes, J. Cuſtis, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair & W. Nelſon Eſqrs

Mr *Conway* brought up the Book of Proportions

A Meſſage by Mr Secretary *Nelſon* from the Houſe of Burgeſſes that they had paſs'd a Bill intd *An Act for the Reviſal of the Laws*—

Which Bill was read a firſt Time &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time immediately.

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A Bill int^d *An Act for the Revifal of the Laws*—Read a fecond Time, &

Order'd

That the f^d Bill be committed for Amendm^ts

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Bland* that they had pafs'd a Bill int^d *An Act to allow the Act of Limitations to be pleaded in certain Cafes as well to Suits in Equity, as to Actions at Law,*

Alfo a Bill int^d *An Act for fettling the Allowance on Tobacco paid in the County of* Lunenburg *in Difcharge of public Debts and to oblige the Surveyors of that County to refide therein*—Which Bills were read a firft Time and

Order'd

To be read a fecond Time.

The Book of Proportions was read and agreed to.

A Bill int^d *An Act for the Revifal of the Laws*—Was read a third Time wth Amendm^ts

Refolv'd

That the f^d Bill with the Amendm^ts be agreed to.

Order'd

That C. G. A. go down & acq^t H. B. y^t ye Council have agreed to the Book of Proportions, and to ye laft mention'd Bill with fome Amend^ts, & defire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr Secretary *Nelfon* that they've agreed to ye Council's Amend^ts to the Bill int^d *An Act for the Revifal of the Laws*—

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Ludwell* that they've agreed to the Council's Amend^ts to the Bill int^d *An Act for Encouragement of building Water-Mills &c*

A Bill int^d *An Act for fettling the Allowance on Tobacco paid in ye County of* Lunenburg *&c* Was read a fecond Time & an Amend^t made at the Table.

Order'd

To be read a 3^d Time immediately wth the Amend^t Read accordingly

Ref^d

That ye f^d Bill wth the Amend^t be agreed to.

Order'd

That C. G. A. go down & acq^t H. B. y^t the Council have agreed to the f^d Bill wth Amend^t & defire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Bland* that they've agreed to the Councils Amend^t to the Bill int^d *An Act for fettling the Allowance on Tobacco paid in the County of* Lunenburgh *&c*

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Conway* that they'd pafs'd a Bill int^d *An Act for raifing a public Levy & other Purpofes therein mention'd*—Which Bill was read a firft Time &

Order'd

To be read a fecond Time immediately—Read a fecond Time accordingly &

Order'd

To be read a third Time.

A Bill int^d *An Act to allow the Act of Limitations &c* was read a fecond Time

Order'd

That the f^d Bill be read a 3^d Time

Adj^d till 11. o'Clock To-morrow.

Saturday April 12th

Prefent

J. ROBINSON, *J. Grymes, J. Cuftis, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelfon* Efq^rs & *W. Dawfon* Cl.

A Bill int^d *An Act for raifing a Publick Levy* Read a third Time,

Refolv'd

That the Bill do pafs.

Order'd

Order'd

That Cl. G[l] Aſſ[y] go down & acq[t] the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the f[d] Bill.

A Bill int[d] *An Act to amend An Act int[d]* An Act declaring what ſhall be accounted a ſufficient Seating, Planting, Cultivating &c Read a third Time wth Amendm[ts] And the Queſtion being put that the ſame be agreed to, *it paſs'd in y[e] Neg[ve]*

Reſolv'd

That the f[d] Bill be rejected.

A Bill int[d] *An Act to explain a Clauſe in the* Act declaring what ſhall be a ſufficient Seating &c. Read a third Time wth Amend[ts] And upon the Queſtion being put that the ſame be agreed to—*It paſſed in the Neg[ve]*

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill be rejected

A Bill int[d] *An Act to allow the Act of Limitations &c* Read a third Time

And upon the Queſtion being put that the ſame be agreed to, *It paſs'd in y[e] Neg[ve]*

Reſolv'd

That the f[d] Bill be Rejected

M[r] *Whiting* brought up the inroll'd Bills to be examin'd by their Honours

And the Council having perus'd the ſame & finding them truly enroll'd

Order'd

That Cl. Gen[l] Aſſ[y] return the inroll'd Bills and acquaint the Burgeſſes that this Houſe is ſatisfy'd that they are truly inroll'd

Preſent The Governor

Order'd

That Cl. Gen[l] Aſſ[y] go and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, with ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent.

The Burgeſſes accordingly attending, the Governor was pleas'd to give his aſſent to the following Bills, [For the thirty acts and three reſolves paſſed at this ſeſſion, ſee J. of H. of B., pp. 220-221.]

And Then his Honour was pleaſed to make the following Speech:

Gentlemen of the Council M[r] Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.*

The Several Meaſures that have been Concerted this Seſſion, ... [See J. of H. of B., p. 221.]

Ex[d]

N. Walthoe C. G. A.

A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Being the Fourth Seſſion of this preſent Genl Aſſembly.

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Being the Fourth Seſſion of this preſent Genl Aſſembly.

Friday July 11th 1746

Preſent

THE Preſident, *John Grymes*, *John Cuſtis*, *Philip Lightfoot*, *Thomas Lee*, *Lewis Burwell*, *John Blair*, *William Nelſon* Eſq^rs & *William Dawſon* Cl.

The Preſident, producing to the Houſe a Commiſſion from the Governor, who was ill, impowering him to hold the preſent Seſſion in his Honour's Stead, and to do all things therein in the ſame manner, as he himſelf could if perſonally preſent, took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, and ſubſcribed the Teſt, and alſo took an Oath faithfully & to the beſt of his Judgement to diſcharge the Truſt repoſed in him by the ſaid Commiſſion.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſembly go down & Acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Preſident of the Council commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber

The Burgeſſes accordingly attending, the ſaid Commiſſion was read, and then the Preſident made the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, *and Gentlemen of ye Houſe of Burgeſſes.*

The Governor being unhappily diſabled by Sickneſs . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1742-1749, p. 225.]

Then the Burgeſſes withdrew.

The Preſident abſent.

Reſolved Nemine Contradicente

That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to expreſs the Concern of this Houſe for his Honour's Diſorder, a Senſe of His Majeſty's Study to advance the Proſperity of His Dominions in general, and their Reſolution to contribute all in their Power towards anſwering His Majeſty's Expectations on this Occaſion, and their Joy for the late happy Succeſs of His Majeſty's Arms. And it is referr'd to *Wm Nelſon* Eſq; & *Wm Dawſon* Cl. to prepare and bring in y^e ſame.

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Saturday July 12th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

Wm Dawſon Cl. reported that the Perſons appointed had according to order prepar'd an addreſs to the Governor and the ſame was read and agreed to without any Amendment and is as follows

To

To the Honble William Gooch *Efq; His Majefty's Lieutenant Govr and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dom̃ of* Virginia

The humble Addrefs of the Council

Sir,

We His Majefty's moft dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of this Dominion now met in General Affembly, beg Leave to affure your Honour, that we will readily concur with the other Branch of the Legiflature, in all fuch Meafures as fhall appear conducive to the Publick Happinefs. The Honour and Intereft of our moft gracious King, Gratitude for the Royal Care and Protection of His diftant Subjects, the Appointment of you, *Sir*, to command the neighbouring Troops in this important Expedition, the Defence and Security of the Northern Colonies, are each of them Motives, feverally confider'd, ftrong enough to engage us in a firm union againft our common Enemy; all of them taken together, of fuch Force as not to be refifted. To the Succefs therefore of our Sovereign's Arms in *Canada*, the Relief and Support of our Fellow Subjects, with whofe welfare our own is jointly interwoven, We fhall chearfully contribute our Vigorous Endeavours.

Was but your Strength of Body equal to your Refolution of Mind (each needing mutually the other's aid) what vaft Advantages would Accrue to the common Caufe, from their confpiring in a friendly Manner? But our fincere Joy for your deferved Promotion, is extremely damped by our unfeigned Concern for your prefent Indifpofition, which muft needs impair a Conftitution already much enfeebled and haraffed with almoft uninterrupted Fatigue, in the Glorious Service of your King and Country now unhappily deprived of your Affiftance in this momentous Undertaking. We fhall offer up our fervent Wifhes, that you may recover, and long rule a grateful and obedient People.

Permit us, Sir, to add our moft hearty Congratulations, on the joyful News we have received, fince the Opening of this Seffion, of a compleat Victory gained over the Rebels, by the Bravery and Conduct of His Royal Highnefs the Duke, a Victory productive of fuch invaluable Bleffings, as cannot but fill, with inexpreffible Pleafure, the Breaft of every faithful Subject.

Order'd

That the faid Addrefs be fairly tranfcribed.

Adj^d till Eleven o'Clock, to *Monday* Morning

Monday July 14th

Prefent

AS BEFORE and *Wm Fairfax* Efq;

The Addrefs being fairly Tranfcribed was again read.

Order'd

That the fame be deliver'd to the Prefident, and he defir'd to prefent it to the Governor

Prefent the Prefident

John Grymes Efq; on Behalf of the Council delivered the Addrefs to Mr *Prefident* and defir'd him to prefent it to the Governor, to which he anfwered he would wait on the Govr with it according to their Requeft.

Adj^d till to Morrow Morning 11. o'Clock.

Tuefday 15

Prefent

THE Prefident And as before

Mr *Prefident* acquainted the Houfe that he had waited on the Govr with the Council's Addrefs, and that his Honour was pleafed to return by him ye following Anfwer.

Mr Prefident, *and Gentlemen of the Council,*

I return you my hearty Thanks for your Addrefs, fo full of Gratitude, Duty and Zeal to His Majefty, and fo very expreffive of your Concern for my Honour, and the Recovery

Recovery of my Health. I am thoroughly perſuaded of your eager Diſpoſition to concur wth the other Part of the Legiſlature, in every Step which ſhall be taken, towards proſecuting the preſent important Service.

And could the Joy I feel for the happy Succeſs of our Sovereign's Arms, in the late glorious and compleat Victory obtained over the Rebels, under the Conduct of his Royal Highneſs the Duke, receive any Addition, it would be from the Knowledge of your partaking with me ſo greatly in it.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* that they had paſſed a Bill intitled *An Act for giving a Sum of Money not exceeding Four Thouſand Pounds towards defraying the Expence of inliſting arming cloathing victualling & tranſporting the Soldiers raiſed in this Colony on an intended Expedition againſt* Canada

Which Bill was read the firſt Time, &

Order'd

To be read a 2d Time immediately Read a Second Time, &

Order'd

That ye ſd Bill be committed for Amendments

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* that they had paſſed a Reſolve that the Sum of 280 £ ℔ *An.* be allow'd *William Parks* from this Time to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly for his Salary and as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, Notes and Receipts for the Duty on Slaves and all other Acts of Government. Which Reſolve was read and Agreed to.

Adjd till to Morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Wedneſday 16

Preſent

AS BEFORE.

The Bill intd *An Act for giving a Sum of Money &c* Was read a 3d Time with Amendments.

Reſolved

That ye ſd Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſy go & acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſd Bill with Amendments and deſire their Concurrence thereto. Alſo that they have agreed to the Reſolve for continuing *Wm Parks*'s Salary &c.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Bland* that they had paſſed a Bill intd *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

Which Bill was read a firſt Time, &

Order'd

To be read a 2d Time immediately. Read accordingly a 2d Time, &

Order'd a 3d Reading.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway*, that they have had under their Conſideration the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill intd *An Act for giving a Sum of Money &c* that they have Agreed to one Amendment and diſagreed to the other, and deſire the Council will paſs the Bill wth the Amendment agreed to.

Reſolved

That the Council do inſiſt on their Amendment diſagreed to by the Burgeſſes.

Order'd

That Cl. G. A. go down and acquaint the Burgeſſes yt the Council do inſiſt on their Amendment diſagreed to by them.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* and others that they have prepared an Addreſs to His Majeſty to congratulate him upon the Succeſs of his Arms, and deſire the Council to join with them in it, and have left a Blank for that Purpoſe. Which Addreſs was read

Reſolved

That the Council do join with the Burgeſſes in the ſaid Addreſs.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* that they adhere to their Diſagreemt to the Council's Amendment to the Bill intd *An Act for giving a Sum of Money &c*

Reſolved

That the Council do recede from their Amendt diſagreed to by ye Burgeſſes.

The Bill intd *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money &c*, was read a 3d Time.

Reſolv'd

That the ſd Bill be Agreed to.

Order'd

That Cl. G. A. go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Governor and Council are willing to join in the Addreſs to the King, & deſire they will fill up the Blanks, that the Council do recede from their Amendment to the Bill intd *An Act for giving a Sum of Money &c* diſagreed to by them. And agree to the Bill intd *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in money &c.*

Adjd to 5. o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Afternoon

ABSENT

John Cuſtis and *P. Lightfoot* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Waller* that they have come to a Reſolution concerning the Payments to the Officers of the Genl Aſſembly to wch they deſire the Concurrence of the Council. Which Reſolution was read &

Reſolv'd

That ye ſame be Agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk of ye Gl Aſſy go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council do Agree to ye ſd Reſolve.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Whiting* that they had order'd him to lay the inrolled Bills before their Honours.

Order'd

That the Clerk of ye Genl Aſſy go & acqt the Burgeſſes that the Council are ſatisfy'd the Bills are truly inrolled.

Preſent Mr Preſident

Order'd

That Clerk of ye Genl Aſſy go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them yt the Preſident of ye Council Comands their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber with the inroll'd Bills.

The Burgeſſes attending accordingly Mr *Preſident* was pleaſed to give his aſſent to the Bill intituled

An Act for giving a Sum of Money not exceeding Four Thouſand Pounds towards defraying the Expence of inlifting arming cloathing victualing and tranſporting the Soldiers raiſed in this Colony on an intended Expedition agt Canada.

Alſo to the Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

Alſo to the Reſolve that the Sum of 280 £ ℔ *An.* be Allow'd *William Parks* from this Time to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly &c

And to the Reſolve concerning the Payments to the Officers of the Genl Aſſembly.

And then was pleas'd to Speak as follows,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

As this Seſſion of Aſſembly is brought to a Concluſion, ... [See J. of H. of B., 1742-1749, p. 231.]

Exd

N. Walthoe. C. G. A.

A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Being the Fifth Seſſion of this Preſent General Aſſembly.

Monday March 30th 1747.

Preſent

THE Governor, *John Robinſon, John Cuſtis, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee, Lewis Burwell, William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelſon* Eſqrs & *William Dawſon* Clerk—

Order'd that the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance

The Burgeſſes accordingly attending the Governor was pleas'd to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

The Aſtoniſhing Fate of the Capitol occaſions this Meeting, ... [See J. of H. of B., 1742-1749, p. 235.]

Then the Burgeſſes withdrew.

Abſent The Governor.

Reſolved

That an Addreſs be prepared to the Governor on the Subject Matter of his Speech, and it is referr'd to *Thomas Lee, Lewis Burwell, John Blair* Eſqrs & *William Dawſon* Clerk to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Adjd till To-morrow-morning 11. of Clock.

Tueſday March 31ſt Morning 11. of Clock.

Preſent

AS BEFORE

Thomas Lee Eſq; reported that the Perſons appointed had according to Order prepared an Addreſs to the Governor, and the ſame was read and, after ſome Amendments made at the Table, Agreed to, and is as follows

To the Honble Sir Wm Gooch *Bart. His Maj's Lieutenant Govr & Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of* Virginia.

The humble Addreſs of the Council.

Sir,

We, His Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of this Dominion, are very deeply affected with the unhappy Occaſion of our Meeting at this Time together in Aſſembly; and are not a little touched with the infirmities of your Honour, a great Inſtrument, under Divine Providence, of conveying many Benefits to the Community, over which you ſo deſervedly preſide. The raging Fire, which conſumed the Capitol, is an awful Incitement to a general Reformation of manners, the beſt Expedient for averting the wrathful Indignation of an incenſed God, the nobleſt Expreſſion of Gratitude for

for his Juſtice tempered with Mercy, diſplayed in the Preſervation of the Records, like Brands, plucked out of the Devouring Flames, Secure of your Favour, to whatever is connected with the public Good; and ſenſible of our particular Obligations, we will endeavour, with united Care, to reſtrain Ungodlineſs and Vice, the Bane of Society; and to cheriſh true Religion and Virtue, the ſureſt Means of Human Happineſs. It is with Hearts full of the moſt unfeigned Concern, that we obſerve a Spirit of Enthuſiaſm introduced among the People by Itinerant Preachers; a Spirit, more dangerous to the common Welfare, than the furious Element, which laid the Royal Edifice in Aſhes; a Spirit, productive not only of Confuſion, but of Blaſphemy, Profaneneſs, and the moſt wicked & deſtructive Doctrines and Practices, which, in the Days of their Forefathers, utterly ſubverted our excellent Conſtitution in Church and State. The Prevention of theſe ſhocking and prodigious Miſchiefs, the Maintenance of eccleſiaſtical as well as civil Peace and Order, and the beſt Support, of both, the Doctrine of the Church of *England*, demand our moſt hearty and unanimous Concurrence with your Honour, in diſcouraging ſuch Teachers, by what Name ſoever known and diſtinguiſhed, from ſetling, or even Preaching in this Colony. An Active diſcharge of the Important Truſt repoſed in us, is the wiſeſt Project for inſuring the public Safety from the helliſh Attempts of malicious Incendiaries; for advancing the Honour and Intereſt of our King and Country, and engaging the Protection of Heaven; We take this Opportunity to congratulate You, *Sir*, upon your Promotion to the Dignity of a Baronet, a freſh Inſtance of our gracious Sovereign's juſt Regard to your long and faithful Service.

Order'd

That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed.

Order'd

That *Thomas Lee* and *John Blair* Eſq^{rs} do wait on the Governor to know his Pleasure when and where he will receive the ſame. Then the Council,

Adj^{d} till to-morrow-morning 11. of Clock.

Wedneſday April the 1st

Preſent

JOHN ROBINSON, John Grymes, John Cuſtis Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee Lewis Burwell, William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelſon Eſq^{rs} & *William Dawſon* Clerk.

Thomas Lee Eſq; reported that the Perſons appointed had according to Order waited upon the Governor &c and his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would receive the ſaid Addreſs between the Hours of Twelve and One at the College in the Council Chamber

Preſent The Governor

John Robinſon Eſq; on Behalf of the Council preſented the Addreſs to the Governor, to which his Honour was pleaſed to give the following Anſwer, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council,

The juſt Senſe your [you] expreſs of our Misfortune in the Loſs of the Capitol, your affectionate Concern for my ill Eſtate of Health; and your kind Congratulations upon the Diſtinction His Majeſty has been pleaſed to Honour me with, lay Claim to my ſincere Acknowledgments of Gratitude & Thankfulneſs, for this obliging Addreſs. You may depend on my Endeavours, with your Concurrence, to oppoſe the Progreſs of Heterodoxy & Immorality, and to promote, to the utmoſt of my Power, true Religion and Virtue, the ſure Foundation of our preſent Happineſs, and the only Hope of our future Reward.

Adjourned till to-morrow Morning 11. o'Clock.

Thurſday

Thurſday April 2d

Preſent

JOHN ROBINSON, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee, William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelſon Eſqrs & *William Dawſon* Clk.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *William Randolph* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Southam *in the County of* Goochland *to ſell the Glebe Land in the ſd Pariſh, and to purchaſe a more convenient Glebe in Lieu thereof.*

Which Bill was read a firſt Time and

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time immediately Read a 2d Time accordingly.

Order'd

That the ſd Bill be committed for Amendments.

Then the Council Adjourn'd till To-morrow-morning 11. of Clock.

Friday April 3d

Preſent

JOHN ROBINSON, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee, Lewis Burwell, William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelſon Eſqrs & *William Dawſon* Clerk

Preſent The Governor

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Governor is now ready in the Council Chamber to receive their Addreſs.

Accordingly the Burgeſſes attended and the Speaker delivered their Addreſs as follows *viz.*

To the Honourable Sir William Gooch *Bart. His Majeſty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of* Virginia.

Sir,

We His Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 239.]

To which Addreſs the Governor was pleaſed to make the following Anſwer.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I return you my hearty Thanks . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 240.]

And then the Burgeſſes withdrew.

A Bill intituled *An Act to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Southam *in the County of* Goochland *to ſell the Glebe Land in the ſaid Pariſh, and to purchaſe a more convenient Glebe in Lieu thereof* was read a Third Time with the Amendments.

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill with Amendments and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Reddick* that they have paſs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court Days of* Elizabeth City *and* Surry *Counties.*

Which Bill was read a firſt Time, &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time immediately. Read a 2d Time accordingly, &

Order'd

A Third Reading.

Then the Houſe Adjourned till 11. o'Clock To-morrow.

Saturday

Saturday April 4th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

A Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court Days of* Elizabeth City *and* Surry *Counties* was read a third Time.

Refolved

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go down & acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *William Randolph* that they have agreed to the Amendments propofed by the Council to a Bill intituled *An Act to impower the Veftry of the Parifh of* Southam *in the County of* Goochland *to fell the Glebe Land in the faid Parifh, and to purchafe a more convenient Glebe in Lieu thereof*

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Fry* that they had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Sherifs of the Counties of* Fairfax & Albemarle *to hold their Offices for finifhing the Collection this prefent Year.* Which Bill was read a firft Time, &

Ordered To be read a 2d Time immediately—Read a 2d Time accordingly &

Ordered

That the faid Bill be committed for Amendments.

Then the Council Adjd till *Monday* Morning 11. of Clock.

Monday April 6th

Prefent

JOHN ROBINSON, John Grymes, John Cuftis, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee, William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelfon Efqrs & *William Dawfon* Clk—

A Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Sherifs of the Counties of* Fairfax *and* Albemarle *to hold their Offices for finifhing the Collection this prefent Year* Was read a third Time with an Amendment, and

Refolved

That the faid Bill as amended be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go down & acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill with an Amendment and defire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Council Adjd till 11. of Clock To-morrow

Tuefday April 7th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Conway* that they had paffed a Refolve that the Sum of Two Hundred and Eighty Pounds ℔ *Annum* be allow'd *William Parks* Printer from this Time to the next Seffion of Affembly for his Salary and as a full Recompence for printing & delivering Infpector's Notes and Books Notes and Receipts for the Duty on Slaves and all other Acts of Government.

Which Refolve was read & agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go down and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Refolve.

Then the Houfe Adjd till 11. of Clock To-morrow

Wednefday

Wednesday April 8th

Present

AS BEFORE

The Council having no Business before them

Adjourned till 11. of Clock To-morrow.

Thursday April 9th

Present

JOHN ROBINSON, John Grymes, John Custis, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee, Lewis Burwell, William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelson Esqrs & *William Dawson* Clk.

To-morrow being the first Day of the General Court, and the House having no Business before them

Adjourned till 11. of Clock *Saturday* Morning.

Saturday April 11th

Present

JOHN ROBINSON, John Grymes, John Custis, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee, William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelson Esqrs & *William Dawson* Clk.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Carter* and others that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for establishing a Town on* Pamunkey *River and other Purposes therein mention'd.* Which Bill was read a first Time, &

Resolved

That the said Bill be Read a second Time.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Fry* that they had agreed to the Amendments propos'd by the Council to a Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Sherifs of the Counties of* Fairfax *and* Albemarle *to hold their Offices for finishing the Collection this present Year.*

Then the House Adjd till *Monday* Two O'Clock.

Monday April 13th

Present

JOHN ROBINSON, John Grymes, John Custis, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee, Lewis Burwell, William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelson Esqrs & *William Dawson* Clk.

A Bill intituled *An Act for establishing a Town on* Pamunkey *River and other* Purposes therein mention'd—Was read a second Time.

A Petition from the Mayor and Corporation of the City of *Williamsburg* praying to be heard by their Counsel against the said Bill was presented to the House, and granted—

The Counsel were accordingly admitted, and heard, and afterwards Order'd to withdraw.

The Question was then put that the said Bill be committed for Amendments, & *pass'd in the Negative*—the Question was then put that it be read a third Time, which *pass'd in the Negative.*

Resolved

That the said Bill be rejected.

Adjourned till To-morrow Two of Clock.

Tuesday

Tuesday April 14th

Present

THE Governor & As before

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down with the following Message from ye Governor—

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,*

By the Report of your Committee appointed to purchase Arms, ... [See J. of H. of B., p. 246.]

Adjourned till Two o'Clock To-morrow.

Wednesday April 15th

Present

JOHN ROBINSON, John Grymes, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee, William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelson Esqrs & *William Dawson* Clk.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *William Waller* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for reviving and amending the Acts for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Towns of* Fredericksburg *and* Richmond—

Which Bill was read a first Time, and

Order'd

To be read a Second Time immediately Read a 2d Time accordingly, &

Order'd

To be read a third Time.

Adjourned till Two o'Clock To-morrow.

Thursday April 16th

Present

JOHN ROBINSON, John Custis, John Grymes, Philip Lightfoot, Thomas Lee, William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelson Esqrs & *William Dawson* Clk.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Carter* that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing Persons to view the Places and Landings on* Pamunkey *River and on* James *River from the Falls to the Mouth of* Appomattox—

Also a Bill intd *An Act for paying the Burgesses Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly.*

A Bill intd *An Act for appointing Persons to view the Places & Landings &c.* was read a first Time, & the Question being put yt the sd Bill be read a 2d Time, *it passed in the Negative*

Resolved

That the sd Bill be Rejected.

A Bill intd *An Act for paying the Burgesses Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly* was read a first Time, &

Ordered

To be read a second Time immediately Read a 2d Time accordingly &

Order'd

To be read a 3d Time.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr Secretary *Nelson* that they had passed a Bill intd *An Act for erecting a Building for the Preservation of the public Records and Papers of this Colony*

Which Bill was Read a first Time, and

Order'd

A 2d Reading immediately Read a 2d Time accordingly, &

Order'd

To be committed.

A Bill int^d *An Act for reviving and amending the* Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Towns of *Frederickſburg* & *Richmond* was read a third Time,

Reſolved

That y^e ſ^d Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſ^y go down and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill.

Adj^d till Ten of Clock To-morrow.

Friday April 17th

Preſent

J. ROBINSON, J. Cuſtis, Thomas Lee, William Fairfax, J. Blair & William Nelſon Eſq^rs

The Council having no Buſineſs before them

Adj^d till To-morrow Ten o'Clock.

Saturday April 18th

Preſent

JOHN ROBINSON, John Grymes, John Cuſtis, Philip Lightfoot, William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelſon Eſq^rs & *William Dawſon* Clk.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they had paſs'd a Reſolve for paying the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly for this preſent Seſſion. Which Reſolve was read and agreed to.

A Bill int^d *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly* was Read a 3^d Time,

Reſolv'd

That the ſ^d Bill be agreed to.

A Bill int^d *An Act for erecting a Building for the Preſervation of the public Records and Papers of this Colony* was read a 3^d Time with an Amend^t

Reſolv'd

That the ſ^d Bill as amended be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſ^y go down & acquaint the Burgeſſes y^t the Council have agreed to the Reſolve of their Houſe for paying the Officers—Alſo to the Bill for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money &c without any Amend^t and to the Bill for erecting a Building for the Preſervation of the public Records &c with one Amendm^t to which they deſire their Concurrence

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* y^t they had conſider'd ye Amend^t propos'd by the Council to the Bill int^d *An Act for erecting a Building for the Preſervation of the public Records &c.* and had diſagreed to y^e ſame and deſired ye Council would paſs it without any Amendment.

The Council having taken the ſame into their Conſideration

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſ^y go down & acq^t the Burgeſſes y^t the Council inſiſt upon their Amendment, and deſire they will recede from their Diſagreement, & paſs ye Bill with their Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Bland* that they adhere to their Diſagreement to the Amendm^t propos'd by the Council and inſiſted upon by them to the Bill int^d *An Act for erecting a Building for the Preſervation of the public Records &c.*

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſ^y go down and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council diſire an immediate free Conference with the Burgeſſes in the Room adjoining ye Council Chamber

Chamber on the Subject Matter of the Council's Amendment to the Bill int^d *An Act for erecting a Building for the Preſervation of the public Records &c* and have appointed three of their Members to manage the ſ^d Conference with ſuch a Number of the Burgeſſes as the Houſe ſhall think fit.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Richd Randolph* that the Houſe agreed to the Conference deſir'd by their Honours and had appointed Six of their Members to manage y^e ſ^d Conference who will be ready at the Place appointed.

Order'd

That *John Grymes*, *Wm Nelſon* Eſq^rs & *Wm Dawſon* Clk. be appointed Managers of the Conference.

John Grymes Eſq; from the Conference with the Burgeſſes reported that they had met the Burgeſſes and acquainted them with their Reaſons for inſiſting on the Amendment to the Bill int^d *An Act for erecting a Building for the Preſervation of the public Records &c* and that the Burgeſſes anſwer'd they would report the ſame to their Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Ric^d Randolph*, that they deſire an immediate Conference on the Subject of their laſt Conference.

John Grymes Eſq; from the Conference reported y^t the Burgeſſes deſir'd the Council's Reaſons for inſiſting on their Amendment in Writing.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſ^y go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council deſire an Immediate Conference on the Subject of the laſt Conference.

A Meſſage by Mr *Ric^d Randolph* that the Burgeſſes agreed to the ſaid Conference.

John Grymes Eſq; from the Conference reported that they had inform'd the Burgeſſes that the Reaſons they offer'd at the former Conference for inſiſting on their Amendment were ſo ſhort and plain that the Council did not think it Neceſſary To give them in Writing.

Mr *Whiting* brought up the inroll'd Bills to be Examin'd by their Honours.

The Burgeſſes not having deſir'd any further Conference on the Subject of their laſt

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſ^y go down and acquaint them that the Council Adhere to their Amendment to the Bill int^d *An Act for erecting a Building for the Preſervation of the public Records &c.*

And return the inroll'd Bills, and acquaint the Burgeſſes that this Houſe is ſatisfyed they are truly inroll'd

Preſent The Governor

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Aſſ^y go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber with ſuch Bills as are Ready for his Aſſent.

The Burgeſſes accordingly attending the Governor was pleas'd to Give his aſſent to the following Bills, [For the acts and reſolves paſſed at this ſeſſion, ſee J. of H. of B., p. 250.]

And then made the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

It is certainly my Duty, ... [See J. of H. of B., p. 250.]

Ex^d

N. Walthoe, C. G. A.

A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summon'd to be held in the City of *Williamſburg* the 30th of *June* 1748. And from thence continued by ſeveral Prorogations to *Thurſday* the 27th of *October* 1748. in the 22d Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord *George* 2d by the Grace of God of *Great Britain*, *France* & *Ireland* King Defender of the Faith &c and then held before The Honble Sir *William Gooch Bart.* His Majeſty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony & Dominion of *Virginia.*

Being the Firſt Seſſion of this preſent General Aſſembly.

[From a very early copy in the Virginia State Library.]

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Being the Firſt Seſſion of this preſent General Aſſembly.

Thurſday October 27th 1748.

Preſent

THE Governor, *John Robinſon, Lewis Burwell, William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelſon* & *John Lewis* Eſqrs

John Robinſon Eſqr acquainted the Govr that they had adminiſtred the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament to Seventy Two of the Gentlemen Elected to Serve as Burgeſſes in this preſent Aſſembly.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down & acquaint the Burgeſſes yt the Govr comands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeſſes accordingly attending, the Govr was pleaſ'd to ſay

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, You muſt return to your Houſe, & proceed to the Choice of a Speaker.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Charles Carter* and Others that the Burgeſſes had made Choice of a Speaker, & deſir'd to know his Honour's Pleaſure when they ſhould attend to preſent him.

To which the Govr anſwer'd he would ſignify his Pleaſure to them by a Meſſage.

Order'd

That Cl. G. A. go & acqt H. B. that the Govr comands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, to preſent their Speaker.

The Burgeſſes accordingly attended, & preſented Mr *John Robinſon* their Speaker, and the Govr declar'd his Approbation of their Choice.

Mr *Speaker* then petition'd ye Govr that they might enjoy their antient Rights & Privileges, To which the Govr ansd he ſhould take Care to preſerve their Houſe in all their juſt Rights & Privileges, & was pleas'd afterwards to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

Tho' there is not any Thing more conducive to our common Intereſt, ...

[See J. of H. of B., 1742-1749, p. 256.]

Then the Burgeſſes withdrew.

Abſent the Governor–

Reſolved That an Addreſs be prepared to return the Thanks of this Houſe for his Speech, & it is refer'd to *John Blair* & *Wm Nelſon* Eſqrs to draw it.

Adjd till To Morrow Morning 11. o'Clock.

Friday

Friday October 28th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

John Blair Efq^r reported that ye Perfons appointed had according to Order prepar'd an Addrefs to the Govr which was read & agreed to, and is as follows

To the Honble Sir Wm Gooch *Bart: His Majefty's Lieutenant Govr & Commander in Chief of the Colony & Dominion of* Virginia—

The humble Addrefs of the Council.

Sir,

We his Majefty's faithful Subjects, the Council of *Virginia*, now affembled, moft cordially return your Honour our dutiful Thanks for your affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Seffion, and your tender & conftant Concern for the Reputation & Happinefs of this Colony. The Senfe of your inceffant Labour to promote the general Welfare demands our moft grateful Acknowledgments, and renders us eager to embrace all the Means in our Power that can tend towards the Accomplifhment of y^r good & glorious Intentions. Vouchfafe, *Sir*, to accept our fincereft Promifes of ftudying to alleviate your weighty Cares of Government, and to deferve the many & fingular Advantages we enjoy under it. The conftant Tenor of our Conduct will induce you to believe, we fhall always pay due regard to every Particular you are pleas'd to recommend to our Attention, being fond of demonftrating upon all Occafions an equal Zeal for the common Intereft; and ever ambitious of imitating your Example, & meriting the Publick Applaufe. We further, *Sir*, intreat you to be perfuaded, that, as we can never too much boaft of our Felicity, or too often repeat our Admiration of your Wifdom & Lenity, from which it is deriv'd; the Confideration of our own Intereft, inforced by the higheft Sentiments of Gratitude & Duty, will determine us moft firmly to adhere to thefe Refolutions, and to approve our felves in ev'ry Inftance an obedient as well as happy People. Indulge us, *Sir*, in ye Liberty of concluding with thefe ardent Wifhes, that whether you or We have the Public Good moft at Heart, may be the fole & lafting Subject of Contention between us; and whether you or this Country moft fervently pray for each other's Profperity may continue a Doubt to diftant Ages undecided.

Order'd

That the faid Addrefs be fairly tranfcrib'd

Or^d That *John Blair* Efq; wait on ye Govr to know when & where he'll be pleas'd to receive ye fame.

Adj^d till to Morrow 11. o'Clock.

Saturday Octo^r 29th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

John Blair Efq; reported that he had according to Order waited upon the Governor, & his Honour was pleas'd to fay he would receive their Addrefs at 12 o'Clock, in the Council Chamber; next *Monday*.

Adj^d till 11. on *Monday*.

Monday Octo^r 31ft

Prefent

THE Governor, *J. Robinfon, Wm Fairfax, John Blair, Wm Nelfon & John Lewis* Efq^rs

J. Robinfon Efq; on Behalf of the Council prefented the Addrefs, to which his Honour made ye following Anfwer, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council,

I return You my hearty Thanks for this affectionate & dutiful Addrefs.

The

The great Eſteem you are pleas'd to expreſs for me, and Satisfaction under my Adminiſtration, is the moſt agreeable Recompence I could deſire, for an inflexible Attention to the Welfare of ye Colony. I confide in the Aſſurance you give Me of paying a due Regard to what I recommended to your Conſideration; and am perſuaded, We ſhall have no other Contention than who ſhall approve himſelf moſt ſteadfaſtly attach'd to the Public Good.

Order'd

That the Clerk go & acq^t H. B. y^t ye Govr is now ready in the Council Chamber to receive their Addreſs.

The Burgeſſes accordingly attended & the Speaker deliver'd the foll^g Addreſs, *viz.*

We His Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects . [See J. of H. ofB., p. 260.]

To which Addreſs the Govr made the following Anſwer,

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

I am much obliged to you for your loyal and publick-ſpirited Addreſs . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 263.]

Then the Burgeſſes withdrew.

Adj^d 'till 11. To Morrow Morning.

Tueſday Novem^r 1^ſt

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon & J. Lewis* Eſq^rs

The Council having no Buſineſs before them

Adj^d till To Morrow 11. o'Clock.

Wedneſday Novem^r 2^d

Preſent

AS BEFORE

Order'd

That the Clerk go & acq^t H. B. y^t the Council deſire an immediate Conference with them upon the Subject Matter of the Report of the Committee appointed for Reviſal of the Laws; and have Appointed Three of their Members to manage ye Conf^ce with ſuch a Number of the Members of their Houſe, as they ſhall think fit to appoint.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Secretary* that the Houſe agreed to ye Confer^ce deſir'd by their Honours and had appointed ſix of their Members to meet the Members by them Appointed.

Order'd

That *Jno Blair, Wm Nelſon,* & *J. Lewis* Eſq^rs be appointed Managers of the Conference

The Managers then withdrew; and being return'd *J. Blair* Eſq; reported that they had met the Managers for the Burgeſſes, and had deliver'd to them ye Report of the Com̃ee for Reviſal of ye Laws, deſiring they would deliver it to their Houſe, it being the moſt proper for them to proceed upon, and that the Burgeſſes anſwer'd they would deliver the ſame to their Houſe.

Then the Houſe Adj^d till To-Morrow Morning eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday Novr 3^d

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Council met & having no Buſineſs before them

Adj^d till To Morrow 11. o'Clock.

Fryday

Fryday Novr 4th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Waller* that they had pafs'd a Refolve that the Sum of 50 £ be paid to *George Mufe* out of the money in the Hands of the Treafurer to reimburfe him his Expences in returning Home from the intended Expedition againft *Canada*.

Which Refolve was read & agreed to.

Or^d

That C. G. A. go & acq^t H. B. that the Council have agreed to the f^d Refolve.

Adj^d till To Morrow 11. o'Clock

Saturday Novem^r 5th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

Met & Adj^d till *Monday* 11. o'Clock.

Monday Novem^r 7th

Prefent

AS BEFORE except *L. Burwell* Efq^r

Met & Adj^d till To morrow 11. o'Clock.

Tuefday Novr 8th

Prefent

AS BEFORE & *L. Burwell* Efq^r

Met & Adj^d till To morrow 11. o'Clock.

Wednefday Novr 9th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Bland* that they had pafs'd a Bill intitled *An Act to impower the Veftry of the Parifh of* Martin's Brandon *in the County of* Prince George *to fell the Glebe Land in the faid Parifh & to purchafe a more convenient Glebe in Lieu thereof.*

Which Bill was read the firft Time &

Or^d to be read a fecond Time.

Adj^d till To morrow Morning 11 °Clock.

Thurfday Novr 10th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

Met & Adj^d till To morrow 11. o'Clock—

Friday

Friday Novr 11th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

The Bill int^d *An Act to impower ye Veftry of the Parifh of* Martin's Brandon *&c.* was Read a 2^d Time & Or^d to be read a 3^d Time.

Then the Council Adj^d till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock.

Saturday November 12th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

The Bill int^d *An Act to impower the Veftry of the Parifh of* Martins Brandon *&c.* was read a 3^d Time.

Refolv'd That the f^d Bill be Agreed to.

Or^d That the Clerk go & acq^t H. B. that the Council have agreed to ye f^d Bill.

Adj^d till *Monday* 11. o'Clock—

Monday Novem^r 14th

Prefent

J. *ROBINSON, Wm Fairfax, J. Blair, Wm Nelfon & John Lewis* Efq^rs

The Council met & having no Bufinefs before them

Adj^d till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock.

Tuefday Novr 15th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

Met & Adj^d till 11. Tomorrow.

Wednefday Novr 16th

Prefent

AS BEFORE.

A written Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Carter* & many others; that The Houfe being inform'd that *John Blair* Efq^r in difcourfing with one of the Members of this Houfe relating to the Seat of Government faid pointing to the Speaker who was paffing by him *There goes the Man who is at the Bottom of this Hellifh Scheme and has told feveral Lies and advanced many things that he knew to be falfe* and that therefore he had no Confidence in fuch a Man, that his only Motive is his private Intereft tho' he pretends the Publick Good. *Refolved,* That *John Blair* Efq; one of the Members of the Council hath uttered moft fcandalous and malicious Reproaches and falfe Expreffions highly reflecting upon the Honour of the Speaker and the Houfe of Burgeffes—*Refolved* That *John Blair* Efq; be charged before the Council for the Words fpoken by him and that the Council be defired to proceed in Juftice againft the faid *John Blair* Efq; and to inflict fuch Punifhment on him as fo high an Offence againft the Houfe of Burgeffes does defierve.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the Genl Aff^y go down & acq^t H. B. y^t the Council have order'd him to deliver ye Foll^g written Meffage—

Mr Speaker *& Gentlemen of the Houfe of Burgeffes,*

It is a Matter of the higheft Concern to the Council to find One of their Members . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 290.]

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Carter* & others, that the Houſe of Burgeſſes having a juſt Senſe of your Readineſs to redreſs the affront offer'd them by one of your Members are ſatisfy'd with your Written Meſſage and his Acknowledgment and are very deſirous yt no Breach ſhould ſubſiſt between the two Bodies of the Legiſlature to impede the weighty Concerns of the Publick.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Carter* that they had paſs'd a Bill intd *An Act to dock the Intail of Six Hundred Acres of Land in the Pariſh of* Lunenburg *in the County of* Richmond *whereof* Bernard Gains *died ſeiſed in Fee Tail and to veſt the ſame in* Wm Jordan *Gent. in Fee Simple and to ſettle other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*

Adjd till 11 Tomorrow.

Thurſday Novemr 17th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Bill intd *An Act to dock the Intail of* 600. *Acres of Land in the Pariſh of* Lunenburg *in the County of* Richmond *&c* was read the firſt Time &

Order'd

That the ſd Bill be read a 2d Time, & yt the Parties attend to prove ye Allegations.

Preſent *L. Burwell* Eſqr

Adjd till 11 Tomorrow.

Friday Novemr 18th

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, L. Burwell, Wm Fairfax, J. Blair, Wm Nelſon & John Lewis* Eſqrs

The Bill intd *An Act to dock the Intail of* 600. *Acres in the Pariſh of* Lunenburg *& to veſt ye ſame in Mr* Jordan *&c* was read a 2d Time & committed for the Allegations to be prov'd.

Adj till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock.

Saturday Novemr 19th

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, L. Burwell, Wm Fairfax, J. Blair & John Lewis* Eſqrs

Met & Adjd till *Monday*, 11. o'Clock.

Monday Novemr 21ſt

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, Wm Fairfax, J. Blair, Wm Nelſon & John Lewis* Eſqrs

Met & Adjd till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock

Tueſday Novemr 22d

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, L. Burwell, Wm Fairfax, J. Blair, Wm Nelſon & John Lewis* Eſqrs

The Bill intd *An Act to dock the Intail of* 600 *Acres in the Pariſh of* Lunenburg *& to veſt the ſame in Mr* Jordan *&c* the Allegations thereof being prov'd to the Satisfaction of the Council was read a 3d Time &

Reſolved

That the ſd Bill do paſs

Order'd

Order'd

That the Clerk go down and Acq^{t} H. B. y^{t} ye Council have agreed to the f^{d} Bill without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from H. B. by M^{r} *Weſt* that they had paſs'd a Bill int^{d} *An Act to enable the* Pamunkey *Town Indians to ſell a certain Tract of Land & for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*—Which Bill was read a firſt Time, &

Order'd to be read a 2^{d} Time immediately

Read a 2^{d} Time Accordingly,

Or^{d} That the f^{d} Bill be committed for Amendments—

Then the Council Adj^{d} till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock

Wedneſday Novem^{r} 23^{d}.

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, Wm Nelſon* Eſq^{rs}. *Wm Dawſon* D.D. & *John Lewis* Eſq^{r}

The Bill int^{d} *An Act to enable the* Pamunkey *Town Indians to ſell a certain Tract of Land &c* was read a 3^{d} Time with ſome Amendments, and the Queſtion being put that the f^{d} Bill as amended be agreed to, *It paſs'd in the Aff^{ve}*

Reſolv'd

That the Bill as amended be agreed to.

Or^{d} That ye Clk. go down & acq^{t} H. B. y^{t} the Council have agreed to the f^{d} Bill with Amend^{ts} to wch they deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Ludwell* and others that they had paſs'd a Bill int^{d} *An Act for rebuilding the Capitol in the City of* Williamſburg.

Which Bill was read the 1^{ſt} Time & Or^{d} to be read a ſecond Time.

Then the Council Adj^{d} till 11. o'Clock.

Thurſday Novem^{r} 24th.

Preſent,

J. *ROBINSON, J. Cuſtis, T. Lee, L. Burwell, Wm Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon* Eſq^{rs} *W. Dawſon* D. D. & *John Lewis* Eſq^{r}

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Waller* that they had agreed to the Amendments propos'd by the Council to the Bill int^{d} *An Act to enable the* Pamunkey *Town Indians &c.*

The Bill int^{d} *An Act for rebuilding the Capitol in the City of* Williamſburg was read a 2^{d} Time, & Order'd a 3^{d} Reading immediately. Read a 3^{d} Time accordingly, and the Queſtion being put that the f^{d} Bill be agreed to, *it paſs'd in the Aff^{ve}*.

Reſolv'd

That the f^{d} Bill be agreed to.

Adj^{d} till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock.

Friday Novr 25th.

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon* Eſq^{rs}, *W. Dawſon* D. D .& *John Lewis* Eſq^{r}

The Council having no Buſineſs before them

Adj^{d} till 11. Tomorrow.

Saturday

Saturday Novem^r 26th

Prefent

J. *ROBINSON, J. Blair, Wm Nelfon* Efq^rs, *W. Dawfon* D. D. & *John Lewis* Efq^r
Met & Adj^d till *Monday* 11. o'Clock.

Monday Novem^r 28th

Prefent

J. *ROBINSON, J. Blair, W. Nelfon* Efq^rs & *W. Dawfon* D. D.
Met & Adj^d till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock.

Tuefday Novem^r 29th

Prefent

AS BEFORE & *J. Lewis* Efq;

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Thomas Tabb* that they had pafs'd a Bill int^d *An Act for dividing the Parifh of* Raleigh *in the County of* Amelia *& erecting the fame into two diftinct Parifhes*—which Bill was read the firft Time, &

Order'd to be read a 2^d Time.

Then the Council Adj^d till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock.

Wednefday Novem^r 30th

Prefent

J. *ROBINSON, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair* Efq^rs, *W. Dawfon* D. D. & *J. Lewis* Efq^r

The Bill int^d *An Act for dividing the Parifh of* Raleigh *in the County of* Amelia *&c* was read a 2^d Time & Or^d a 3^d Reading immediately

Read a 3^d Time accordingly

Ref^d That the f^d Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go down & acq^t H. B. that the Council have agreed to the f^d Bill without any Amendments—

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Benj: Waller* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Refolve that the Sum of 280 £ *per Annum* be allow'd to *William Parks* from this Time to the next Seffion of Affembly for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing & delivering Infpectors Notes & Books Receipts for the Duty of Slaves printing Proclamations & other Acts of Government & all other public Services he is now obliged to perform.

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Carter* and others that they had pafs'd a Bill int^d *An Act for deftroying Crows & Squirrels.* Which Bill was read the firft Time &

Or^d to be read a 2^d Time.

Then the Council Adj^d till 11. o'Clock Tomorrow.

Thurfday Decem^r 1ft

Prefent

J. *ROBINSON, L. Burwell, W Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelfon & J. Lewis* Efq^rs

The Refolve for allowing *W. Parks* 280 £ ℔ *An* &c was read and agreed to.

The Bill int^d *An Act for deftroying Crows and Squirrels,* was read a 2^d Time, & Or^d a 3^d Reading.

Then the Council Adj^d till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock—

Friday

Friday Decem^r 2^d

Prefent

AS BEFORE and *William Dawfon* D. D.

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Simmons* that they had pafs'd a Bill int^d *An Act to enable the* Nottoway *Indians to fell certain Lands & for other Purpofes therein mention'd.*

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Ludwell* & Mr *Hunter* that they had pafs'd a Bill int^d *An Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Suffolk *and preventing Hogs & Goats going at large therein & for altering the Times of holding Fairs in the Town of* Newcaftle

The Bill int^d *An Act for deftroying Crows & Squirrels*, was read a 3^d Time, & the Queftion being put y^t the f^d Bill be agreed to, *it pafs'd in the Aff^ve*

Ref^d That the f^d Bill be agreed to.

Or^d, That the Cl. go down & acq^t H. B. y^t the Council have agreed to the faid Bill without any Amendments.

A Bill int^d *An Act to enable the* Nottoway *Indians to fell certain Lands &c.* was read a 1^ft Time & Order'd, a 2^d Reading.

A Bill int^d *An Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in ye Town of* Suffolk *&c.* was read a 1^ft Time, & Or^d a 2^d Reading.

Then the Council Adj^d till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock.

Saturday Decem^r 3^d

Prefent

AS BEFORE

A Bill int^d *An Act to enable the* Nottoway *Indians to fell certain Lands &c* was read a 2^d Time & Or^d to be committed to *Wm Fairfax & John Lewis* Efq;

A Bill int^d *An Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Suffolk *&c* was read a 2^d Time, & Or^d a 3^d Reading immediately—

Read a 3^d Time accordingly,

Refolv'd

That the f^d Bill be agreed to.

Or^d That the Clerk go down & acq^t H. B. y^t the Council have agreed to the faid Bill without any Amendments.

Then the Council Adj^d till *Monday* Morning 11. o'Clock.

Monday Decem^r 5th

Prefent

J. *ROBINSON, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelfon* Efq^rs, *William Dawfon* D. D. & *John Lewis* Efq^r

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Weftwood* that they had paffed a Bill int^d *An Act for reviving the* Act to impower the Juftices of *Elizabeth City* County to erect Pounds & for other Purpofes therein mention'd.

Which Bill was read a 1^ft Time & Or^d to be read a 2^d Time immediately—

Read a 2^d Time accordingly, & Or^d a 3^d Reading.

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Carrington*, & Mr *Taylor* that they had pafs'd a Bill int^d *An Act for dividing the Counties of* Orange & Goochland.

Which Bill was read the firft Time, & Or^d a 2^d Reading—

Then the Council Adj^d till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock.

Tuefday

Tuesday Decem^r 6th

Present

AS BEFORE & *Lewis Burwell* Esq;

The Bill int^d *An Act for reviving the* Act to impower the Justices of *Eliz^a City* County to erect Pounds &c was read a 3^d Time &

Res^d that the said Bill be agreed to Or^d y^t the Clk. go down & acq^t H. B. y^t the Council have agreed to the s^d Bill without any Amendments

The Bill int^d *An Act to enable the* Nottoway *Indians to sell certain Lands &c* was read a 3^d Time with Amendments And the Question being put y^t ye s^d Bill be agreed to as amended *it pass'd in the Aff^ve*.

Res^d That ye s^d Bill as amended be agreed to—

Or^d y^t Clk. go & acq^t H. B. y^t ye Council have agreed to the s^d Bill with Amendments & desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill int^d *An Act for dividing the Counties of* Orange & Goochland was read a 2^d Time & the Question being put y^t ye s^d Bill be read a 3^d Time *it pass'd in the Neg^ve*

Res^d that the s^d Bill be rejected.

A Message from H. B. by Mr *Ludwell* that they had pass'd a Resolve That the Sum of 100. £. be paid out of the Public Money in the Hands of the Treasurer to *Mary Johnston* as a Reward for discovering her Method of curing Cancers upon her producing a Certificate to the said Treasurer from under the Hands of *Philip Ludwell Richard Bland* and *Anthony Walke* Gent. or any two of them (who are by this House appointed to make an Experiment of the Efficacy of the Medicine that shall be by the said *Mary Johnston* to them communicated) of their Approbation thereof—which Resolve was read & ye Consideration thereof refer'd to Tomorrow.

Wednesday Decem^r 7th

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message from H. B. by Mr *Bushrode* that they had pass'd a Bill int^d *An Act for dissolving the present Vestry of the Parish of* Cople *and electing a* new Vestry for the said Parish—which Bill was read the first Time & Or^d a 2^d Reading.

A Message from H. B. by Mr Secretary *Nelson* that they had pass'd a Bill int^d *An Act for continuing An Act int^d* An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees and for other Purposes therein mention'd—which Bill was read the 1st Time & Or^d a 2^d Reading—

A Message from H. B. by Mr *Waller* that the Burgesses had made some Amendments to the Amendments proposed by the Council to a Bill int^d *An Act to enable the* Nottoway *Indians to sell certain Lands & for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council—W^ch Amend^ts were read & agreed to.

A Bill int^d *An Act for continuing An Act int^d* An Act for the better regulating & collecting certain Officers Fees &c was read a 2^d Time & Or^d a 3^d Reading immediately

Read a 3^d Time accordingly, *Res^d* y^t ye s^d Bill be agreed to.

Or^d, That Clk go down & acq^t H. B. y^t the Council have agreed to ye s^d Bill without any Amendments; and to their Amend^ts to the Amend^ts propos'd by the Council to the Bill int^d *An Act to enable the* Nottoway *Indians to sell certain Lands &c.*

The Resolve for paying 100. £. to *Mary Johnston* was taken into Consideration, and agreed to with an Amend^t *Or^d* y^t ye Clk go & acq^t H. B. y^t ye Council have agreed to ye s^d Resolve with an Amend^t & desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Council Adj^d till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock.

Thursday

*Thurſday Decem*r 8th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

Order'd. That the ſecond Reading of the Bill intd *An Act for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Cople *&c* be refer'd to the next meeting,

Then the Council Adjd till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock—

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*Fryday Decem*r 9th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Jones* that they had paſs'd a Bill intd *An Act for obliging the Juſtices of* Iſle *of* Wight *to build a Bridge over* Black Water *Swamp at* Proctor'*s*—which Bill was read the firſt Time & Ord a 2d Reading—

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Beverley* that they had paſs'd a Bill intd *An Act for giving a certain Sum of Money to Truſtees for clearing Roads over the great Mountains*—which Bill was read the firſt Time & Ord a 2d Reading—

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Ludwell* that the Burgeſſes had agreed to the Amendt propos'd by the Council, to the Reſolve for paying to *Mary Johnſton* 100. £. And that they had paſs'd a Bill intd *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town on the Land of* Ricd Littlepage *Gent in the County of* New Kent wch Bill was read ye 1ſt Time & Ord a 2d Reading

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Whiting* that they had paſs'd a Bill intd *An Act for appointing a Treaſurer & other purpoſes therein mentioned*—which Bill was Read the firſt Time & Ord a 2d Reading—

Then the Council Adjd till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock.

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*Saturday Decem*r 10th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Bill intd *An Act for obliging the Juſtices of* Iſle *of* Wight *to build a Bridge &c* was read a 2d Time & Ord to be read a 3d Time

The Bill intd *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town on the Land of* Ricd Littlepage was *&c* read a 2d Time & Ord to be read a 3d Time—

The Bill intd *An Act for appointing a Treaſurer &c* was read the 2d Time,

Ord a 3d Reading—

The Bill intd *An Act for giving a certain Sum of Money to Truſtees for clearing Roads over the great Mountains* was read a 2d Time &

Ord to be committed to *Wm Fairfax* & *Wm Nelſon* Eſqrs for Amendments.

The Bill intd *An Act for Obliging the Juſtices of* Iſle *of* Wight *to build a Bridge &c* was Read a third Time, &

Refd that the fd Bill do paſs

The Bill intd *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town on the Land of* Ricd Littlepage *&c* was read the third Time, &

Refd that the fd Bill do paſs—

Ord That Clk go & acqt H. B. that the Council have agreed to the fd Bills without any Amendments.

Then the Council Adjd till *Monday* 11. o'Clock—

Monday

Monday Decem^r 12th

Prefent

J. *ROBINSON, J. Blair, W. Nelfon* Efq; *W Dawfon* D. D. & *J. Lewis* Efq^r

The Bill int^d *An Act for appointing a Treafurer &c* was read a third Time & agreed to without any Amend^ts.

The Bill int^d *An Act for giving a certain Sum of Money to Truftees for clearing Roads &c* was read the third Time with Amend^ts.

Ref^d that ye f^d Bill as amended be agreed to.

Or^d That the Clerk go down & acq^t H. B. y^t the Council have agreed to the *Act for appointing a Treafurer* without any Amend^ts, & to the Bill for giving a certain Sum of Money to Truftees for clearing Roads &c. with Amend^ts to which they defire y^r Concurrence.

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr Secretary *Nelfon* that they had pafs'd a Bill int^d *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco & preventing Frauds in his Majefty's Cuftoms* wch Bill was read the firft Time & Or^d a 2^d Reading.

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Beverley* that they had pafs'd the Book of Claims, to which they defir'd the Concurrence of the Council—

Then the Council Adj^d till 10 o'Clock Tomorrow—

Tuefday Decem^r 13th

Prefent

J. *ROBINSON, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelfon* Efq; *W. Dawfon* D. D. & *J. Lewis* Efq;

The Council met & Adj^d till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock.

Wednefday Decem^r 14th

Prefent

AS BEFORE.

The Book of Claims was read & agreed to.

Or^d That the Clk go & acq^t H. B. y^t the Council have agreed to the fame.

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Carter* that they had pafs'd a Bill int^d *An Act for confirming the Grants made by his Majefty within the Bounds of the* Northern Neck *as they are now eftablifh'd* which Bill was read the firft Time, &

Or^d

a 2^d Reading.

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Bland* that they had pafs'd a Bill int^d *An Act for eftablifhing the Towns of* Peterfburg *&* Blandford *in the County of* Prince George *& for preventing the Building wooden Chimnies in the f^d Towns*—which Bill was read the firft Time, & Or^d a 2^d Reading.

The Bill int^d *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco* was read a 2^d Time,

& *Or^d* a 3^d Reading immediately Read a 3^d Time accordingly

Ref^d that the f^d Bill be agreed to.

Or^d that the Clk go down & acq^t the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the f^d Bill without any Amendments—

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Fry* that they had pafs'd a Bill int^d *An Act to allow Perfons not concern'd in making Tobacco to difcharge Levies & Officers Fees in Money*—which Bill was read ye 1^ft Time & Or^d a 2^d Reading.

A Meffage from H. B. by Mr *Harrifon* that they had pafs'd a Bill int^d *An Act for enabling the Juftices of* Prince William *to levy Tobacco on the faid County to defray the Charges of clearing a Road therein from the* Pignut *to the* Blue Ridge.

Which Bill was read the firft Time, & Or^d a 2^d Reading.

Then the Council Adj^d till Tomorrow Morning 11. o'Clock.

Thurfday

Thurſday Decem^r 15th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Bill int^d *An Act for confirming the Grants made by his Majeſty within the Bounds of the* Northern Neck *&c.* was read a 2^d Time & Or^d a 3^d Reading immed^y

Read a 3^d Time accordingly, *Reſ^d* that the ſ^d Bill be agreed to.

The Bill int^d *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Towns of* Peterſburg *&c* was read a 2^d Time, & Or^d a 3^d Reading immed^y Read a 3^d Time accord^y

Reſ^d that the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill int^d *An Act for enabling the Juſtices of* Prince William *to levy Tobacco &c* was read a 2^d Time, & Order'd to be read a 3^d Time with ſome Amendments propos'd—Read a 3^d Time accordingly &

Reſ^d that the ſ^d Bill as amended be agreed to—

Or^d that the Clerk go & acq^t H. B. y^t the Council have agreed to the two Firſt mention'd Bills without any amendments & to the other with ſome Amend^ts to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Burgeſſes—

The Bill int^d *An Act to allow perſons not concerned in making Tobacco &c* was read a 2^d Time, & Or^d to be com^d to *John Robinſon* and *Wm Fairfax* Eſq^rs for Amendments—

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Carter* that they had paſs'd a Reſolve that *Durham Hall* be diſcharged from paying 33£. 12s. 0d for which he has given Bond to the Naval Officer at *Hampton* for the Duty of Rum imported into this Colony it appearing that the ſ^d Rum was ſold on *Rappahannock* River and that the Veſſel with the Proceeds thereof was taken by a Privateer in the Bay on her Return to *Norfolk.*

Which Reſolve was read & agreed to. *Or^d* y^t Clk go & acq^t ye Burgeſſes therewith.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Wormeley* that they had agreed to ye Amend^ts propos'd by the Council to the Bill int^d *An Act for enabling the Juſtices of* Prince William *to levy Tobacco &c*

Then the Council Adj^d till Tomorrow 11 o'Clock

Friday Decem^r 16th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Carter* that they diſagreed to the Amend^ts propos'd by the Council to the Bill int^d *An Act for giving a certain Sum of Money to Truſtees for clearing Roads over the great Mountains,* & that they deſire ye Council to paſs the Bill without any Amend^ts—On ye Queſtion being put that the ſ^d Bill be agreed to without the Amend^ts—*it paſs'd in the Aff^ve.*

Reſ^d that ye Bill be agreed to without any Amend^ts.

Or^d y^t Clk go & acq^t H. B. therewith.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Ludwell* that they had paſs'd a Bill int^d *An Act to impower* Thomas Danſie *to make a Cauſway through the March oppoſite to his Wharf.*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time, & *Or^d* a 2^d Reading—

The Bill int^d *An Act to allow Perſons not concern'd in making Tobacco &c* was read a third Time with Amend^ts,

Reſ^d that y^e ſ^d Bill as amended be agreed to—*Or^d* y^t the Clk go and acq^t H. B. therewith and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill int^d *An Act to impower* Thomas Danſie *&c* was read a 2^d Time, &

Or^d a 3^d Reading im̃ed^y Read a 3^d Time accordingly

Reſ^d that y^e ſ^d Bill be agreed to—*Or^d* y^t Clk go & acq^t H. B. y^t ye Council have agreed to the ſ^d Bill without any Amend^ts

A Meſſage by Mr *Braxton* from H. B. that they had paſs'd a Bill intd *An Act for continuing the Act intd* An Act for reducing the Laws made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act of Aſſembly,—which Bill was read the firſt Time, & Ord a 2d Reading immedy Read a 2d Time accordy &

Ord a 3d Reading immedy

Read a 3d Time—*Refd*, yt the ſd Bill be agreed to without any Amendts.

Ord that Clk go down and acqt H. B. yt the Council have agreed to ye ſd Bill without any Amendments—

Then the Council Adjd till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock—

Saturday Decemr 17th

Preſent

J. ROBINSON, L. Burwell, J. Blair, W. Nelſon Eſq; *W Dawſon* D. D. & *J. Lewis* Eſq;

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Beverley* that they had paſs'd a Bill intd *An Act for raiſing a Public Levy & other Purpoſes therein mentioned*—

Which Bill was Read the 1ſt Time & Ord a 2d & 3d Reading immediately—Read accords & *Refd* that the ſd Bill be agreed to.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Beverley* that they had paſs'd the Book of Proportions—Which was read and agreed to.

Ord That the Clk go & acqt H. B. that the Council have agreed to the ſd Bill & the Book of Proportions without any Amendmts

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Whiting* that he was Order'd to lay the inroll'd Bills before the Council for their Inſpection.

Ord That the Clk go & acqt H. B. that the Council are ſatisfy'd that the Bills are truly inroll'd.

Preſent The Governor.

Order'd

That the Clerk go & acqt H. B. that the Govr commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber with ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent.

The Burgeſſes accordingly attending the Govr was pleas'd to give his Aſſent to ye follg Bills—[For the acts and reſolves paſſed at this ſeſſion, ſee J. of H. of B., 328-329.]

After which his Honour was pleas'd to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.*

The ſtrong deſire I had long cheriſhed of ſerving the Common Intereſt . . . .

[See J. of H. of B., p. 329.]

Abſent The Governor

Then the Council Adjd according to the Governor's Order to *Thurſday* ye 2d Day of *March* next.

Thurſday March 2d 1748/9

Preſent

THOMAS LEE, William Fairfax, John Blair, Wm Nelſon Eſqrs & *Wm Dawſon* D. D.

The Houſe met according to Adjournment & having no Buſineſs before them.

Adjd till To morrow 11. o'Clock.

Friday

Friday March 3d

Prefent

T. *LEE, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelfon* Efqrs, *W. Dawfon* D. D. & *J. Lewis* Efq;
Met & Adjd till To morrow 11. o'Clock.

Saturday March 4th

Prefent

T. *LEE, W. Fairfax, J. Blair* Efq; *W. Dawfon* D. D. & *J. Lewis* Efq;
Met & Adjd till *Monday* Mor. 11. o'Clock.

Monday March 6th

Prefent

J. *ROBINSON, T. Lee, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelfon* Efqrs, *W. Dawfon* D. D. & *J. Lewis* Efq;
Met & Adjd till 11. o'Clock To morrow Morning.

Tuefday March 7th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Benj: Waller* that they had pafs'd a Bill intd *An Act for encouraging Adventurers in Iron Works*—

Alfo a Bill intd *An Act for prefcribing the Method for proving Book-Debts.*

Alfo a Bill intd *An Act for Prevention of Abufes in Tobacco fhipped on Freight.*

Alfo a Bill intd *An Act to Prevent the tending of Seconds*

Which Bills were all read the firft Time, & Order'd a 2d Reading.

A Meffage from H B by Mr *Bland* that they had had under their Confideration the Councils Amendts to the Bill intd *An Act to allow Perfons not concerned in making Tobacco to difcharge Levies & Officers Fees in Money*, and cannot agree to the fame, and defire the Council to pafs the faid Bill without any Amendment.

The Council having taken the fame into their Confideration,

Order'd

That C. G. A. go & acqt H. B. that the Council infift upon their Amendments, and defire the Burgeffes will recede from their Difagreement, & pafs the Bill wth their Amendments.

Then the Council Adjd till 11. o'Clock To morr

Wednefday March 8th

Prefent

J. *ROBINSON, T. Lee, Lewis Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelfon* Efqrs, *W. Dawfon* D. D. & *J. Lewis* Efq;

The Bill intd *An Act for encouraging Adventurers in Iron Works* was read a 2d Time,

Ord to be read a 3d Time.

The Bill intd *An Act for prefcribing the Method for proving Book-Debts*, was read a 2d Time & Ord to be Committed for Amendments to *T. Lee* & *W. Nelfon* Efqrs

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The Bill int^d *An Act for Prevention of Abuſes in Tobacco ſhipped on Freight*, was read a 2^d Time, & Order'd to be read a 3^d Time.

The Bill int^d *An Act to prevent the tending of Seconds*, was read a 2^d Time, & Order'd a 3^d Reading.

Adj^d till 11. o'Clock To morr. Morning

Thurſday March 9th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Bill int^d *An Act for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Cople *and electing a new Veſtry for the ſ^d Pariſh* was read a 2^d Time, & the Queſtion being put that the ſ^d Bill be com^d *it paſſed in the Affirmative,*

Reſolv'd that the ſ^d Bill be committed—and that all Parties attend for Proof of ye Allegations.

The Bill int^d *An Act for preſcribing the Method for proving Book-Debts* was read the 3^d Time with Amend^ts and upon the Queſtion put—

Reſolv'd

That the ſ^d Bill be agreed to with the Amend^ts

Or^d That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have Agreed to the ſ^d Bill with Amend^ts & deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr Secretary *Nelſon* that the Burgeſſes had paſs'd a Bill int^d *An Act preſcribing the Method of appointing Sherifs and for limiting the Time of their Continuance in Office and directing their Duty therein*—

Which Bill was read the 1^ſt Time, & Or^d, a 2^d Reading.

A Meſſage from H. B. by Mr *Jones* that they had paſs'd a Bill int^d *An Act to reſtrain the keeping too great a Number of Horſes and Mares & for amending the Breed.*

Which Bill was read the 1^ſt Time, & Order'd a 2^d Reading.

Then the Council Adj^d till To morrow Mor 11. o'Clock—

Friday March 10th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Bill int^d *An Act for encouraging Adventurers in Iron Works* was read a 3^d Time with an additional Clauſe by Way of Rider, *Reſ^d* that the ſ^d Bill with the Clauſe be agreed to—

The Bill int^d *An Act for Prevention of Abuſes in Tobacco ſhipped on Freight* was read a 3^d Time with an additional Clauſe by way of Rider *Reſ^d* that the Bill with the Clauſe be agreed to.

The Bill int^d *An Act to prevent the Tending of Seconds*—was read a 3^d Time with an additional Clauſe by way of Rider—*Reſ^d* that the Bill with the Clauſe be agreed to.

The Bill int^d *An Act to reſtrain the keeping too great a Number of Horſes & Mares and for amending the Breed*—was read a 2^d Time &

Order'd a 3^d Reading immediately—Read accordingly a 3^d Time—

Reſ^d that the ſ^d Bill be agreed to.

Order'd, That C. G. A. go & acquaint H. B. that the Council have agreed to the three firſt mention'd Bills with the ſaid additional Clauſe & deſire their Concurrence thereto—and to the laſt mention'd Bill without any Amendment.

The Bill int^d *An Act for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Cople *and electing a new Veſtry for the ſ^d Pariſh*, the Allegations thereof not being prov'd to the Satisfaction of the Council, was upon the Queſtion being put that the ſ^d Bill be read a 3^d Time, unanimouſly diſagreed to.

Reſolv'd

Resolv'd, nemine contradicente, That the said Bill be rejected.

The Bill int^d *An Act prescribing the Method of appointing Sherifs &c* was read a 2^d Time, & Or^d to be committed for Amend^ts to *J. Blair* & *Wm Nelson* Esq^rs

Then the Council Adj^d till To morr Mor. 11. o'Clock

Saturday March 11th

Present

AS BEFORE

Met & Adj^d till *Monday* Mor 11. o'Clock

Monday March 13th

Present

J. ROBINSON, T. Lee, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelson Esq^rs & *W Dawson* D. D. & *J. Lewis* Esq;

A Message from H. B. by Mr *Beverley* & others that the House of Burgesses had commanded them to acquaint the Council that they had appointed a Committee to search the Council Journals concerning a Bill int^d *An Act for dividing the Counties of* Orange & Goochland and upon applying to their Clk they were told by him that the Council would not permit their Journals to be search'd without receiving a Message from the Burgesses acquainting them that such a Committee was appointed, and they desir'd to know if their Clerk receiv'd Directions from their Honours to give that Answer.

Order'd

That the Clerk go down to the House of Burgesses with the following Answer, *M^r* Speaker,

The Council have order'd me to deliver the following Answer to the Message by Mr *Beverley* & others, "Our Clerk acquainting us that some of your Members had told him while we were sitting that they were appointed to search the Journals of ye Council we did direct him to return for Answer that we expected a Message from your House to inform us that a Committee was appointed for that purpose before we permitted our Journals to be search'd.

A Message from H. B. by Mr *Waller* that they had agreed to the Amend^ts proposed by the Council to a Bill int^d *An Act for Prevention of Abuses in Tobacco shipped on Freight*—Also to their Amendm^ts to a Bill int^d *An Act to prevent the tending of Seconds*—Also to their Amendments to a Bill int^d *An Act for Encouraging Adventurers in Iron Works.*

A Message from H. B. by Mr Secretary *Nelson* that they had pass'd a Bill int^d *An Act concerning Tithables* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of their Honours—

Which Bill was read the 1st Time & Or^d a 2^d Reading—

Then the Council Adj^d till To morrow 11. o'Clock—

Tuesday March 14th

Present

J. ROBINSON, T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelson Esq; *W Dawson* D. D. & *J. Lewis* Esq;

The Bill int^d *An Act concerning Tithables* was read a 2^d Time, and *Or^d* a 3^d reading immediately—Read a 3^d Time accordingly—

Res^d That the said Bill be agreed to—

Or^d That the Clerk go & acq^t H. B. y^t the Council have agreed to the s^d Bill without any Amendments—

Then the Council Adj^d till To morrow Morning 11. o'Clock

Wednesday

Wednesday March 15th

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr Secretary *Nelson* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *An Act for settling the Titles and bounds of Lands and for preventing unlawful Hunting and Ranging*—

Which Bill was read the first Time, &

Ordered

To be read a Second Time.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr Attorney *Randolph* that they had passed a Bill intitled *An Act to prevent the clandestine Transportation or Carrying of Persons in Debt Servants or Slaves out of this Colony*, to which they desired the Concurrence of their Honours which Bill was read the first Time,

Ordered

That the said Bill be read the Second Time.

A Message by Mr *Fry* that they had passed a Bill intitled *An Act for the decent and uniform Celebration of Divine Service and for the more orderly Management of Parochial Affairs*—to which they desir'd the Concurrence of their Honours—

Which Bill was read the first Time, &

Order'd

To be read a Second Time

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Whiting* that they had made some Amendments upon the Amendments proposed by their Honours to the Bill intitled *An Act prescribing the Method for proving Book-Debts*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of their Honours—

Then the Council Adjd till 10. o'Clock To morrow.

Thursday March 16th

Present

AS BEFORE

The Council took into Consideration the Burgesses Amendments upon the Amendts proposed by them to the Bill intitled *An Act prescribing the Method for proving Book-Debts*, and the Question being put on each of the Burgesses Amendments, *it pass'd in ye Negve*.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council insist upon their Amendments, and desire the Burgesses to recede from theirs.

The Bill intitled *An Act for the decent and uniform Celebration of divine Service and for the more orderly Management of Parochial Affairs* was read a second Time, &

Order'd That the sd Bill be Committed to *Wm Nelson* Esq; & *Wm Dawson* D. D.

The Bill intitled *An Act to prevent the clandestine Transportation or carrying Persons in Debt Servants or Slaves out of this Colony* Was read a Second Time, & Ordered to be committed.

Adjd till Ten o'Clock To-morrow-morning.

Friday March 17th

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Ludwell* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *An Act for preventing excessive & deceitful Gaming*

The Bill intitled *An Act for settling the Titles and Bounds of Lands &c* was read a Second Time, & Order'd to be committed.

Then the Council Adjd till Ten o'Clock To-morrow-morning.

Saturday

Saturday March 18th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

The *Act for fettling the Titles & Bounds of Lands &c* was read a 3d Time with Amendments—Refolved that the faid Bill with the Amendts be agreed to.

The *Act to prevent the clandeftine Tranfportation or carrying of Perfons in Debt Servants or Slaves out of this Colony* Was Read a 3d Time with Amendments—

Refolv'd that the faid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go & acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes that the Council have Agreed to the faid Bills with Amendments & defire their Concurrence thereto.

The *Act for preventing exceffive & deceitful Gaming* was read the firft Time, &

Order'd to be Read a 2d Time

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Braxton* that they had pafs'd a Bill intitled *An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions and for Relief of infolvent Debtors*– Which Bill was read the firft Time, &

Order'd a Second Reading.

Adjd till *Monday* Morning 11. o'Clock

Monday March 20th

Prefent

J. *ROBINSON, T. Lee, W. Fairfax, J. Blair* Efqrs & *W Dawfon* D. D.

The *Act for preventing exceffive & deceitful Gaming*—was read a 2d Time, & *Order'd* to be committed—

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Corbin* that they had pafs'd a Bill intitled *An Act againft ftealing Hogs*—

Alfo a Bill intitled *An Act for appointing public Storehoufes & afcertaining the Prices of Storage*—which Bills were read the firft Time, & Order'd a 2d Reading.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Burwell* that they had pafs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for Clearing Rivers and Creeks*—which Bill was read the firft Time, & Order'd a Second Reading.

Then the Council Adjd till To morrow 10. o'Clock.

Tuefday March 21ft

Prefent

J. *ROBINSON, T. Lee, L Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelfon* Efqrs & *W. Dawfon* D. D.

The Bill intitled *An Act againft Hog ftealing.* was Read a Second Time, & *Order'd* to be committed to *John Blair* Efq;

The Bill intitled *An Act for appointing Public Storehoufes and afcertaining the Prices of Storage* was read a Second Time & Order'd a third Reading.

The Bill intitled *An Act for clearing Rivers and Creeks* was read a Second Time, & *Order'd* to be committed.

The Bill intitled *An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions and for Relief of infolvent Debtors* was read a Second Time, &

Order'd to be committed to *J Blair* and *Wm Nelfon* Efqrs

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr Secretary *Nelfon* that they had pafs'd a Bill intitled *An Act to prevent frivolous and vexatious Suits*, to which they defir'd the Concurrence of their Honours—

Which Bill was read the firft Time, & Order'd a Second Reading.

The

The Bill intitled *An Act for appointing public Storehouſes and aſcertaining the Prices of Storage* was read a third Time,

Reſolv'd that the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intitled *An Act for preventing exceſſive and deceitful Gaming* was read a third Time,

Reſolv'd, that the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go down and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bills without any Amendments—

Then the Council Adj^d till To morrow morning Ten o'Clock—

Wedneſday March 22^d

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they had paſs'd a Reſolve that the Sum of Twenty Pounds be paid out of the public Money in the Hands of the Treaſurer to *Chas Anderſon* and *Joſeph Morton* Junr for their Trouble Expence and Loſs of Time in purſuing and apprehending One *John Benton alias Holloway* who was thereupon convicted of Horſe Stealing and Executed And that the Sum of Ten Pounds be paid to *George McKean* as a Reward for his Diligence and Induſtry in Apprehending *Reaſon Rutlidge* and *Anthony Wheeler* Horſe Stealers, to which they deſire the Concurrence of their Honours—

Which Reſolve was agreed to—

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Reſolve—

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Cary* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the County of* Goochland

A Meſſage by Mr *Taylor* that the Burgeſſes had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the County of* Orange to which they deſire the Concurrence of their Honours—

John Blair Eſq; reported that according to Order he had prepared Amendments to the Bill intitled *An Act preſcribing the Method of appointing Sherifs &c* which Amendments were read & agreed to.

Order'd

That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time with the Amendments—Read accordingly—

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

The Bill intitled *An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions &c* was read a third Time with Amendments—

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill with Amendments and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill intitled *An Act for Clearing Rivers and Creeks* was read a third Time with Amendments—

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill as amended be agreed to—

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill with Amendments and deſire their Concurrence thereto—

The Bill intitled *An Act to prevent frivolous & vexatious Suits* was read a Second Time and Order'd a third reading immediately—read a third Time accordingly—

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill be agreed to without any Amendments—

Order'd

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill without any Amendments.

The Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the County of* Orange was read the firſt Time, & Order'd a Second Reading—

The Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the County of* Goochland was read the firſt Time and Order'd a Second Reading.

Then the Council Adj^d till To morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Thurſday March 23^d

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Bill intitled *An Act againſt ſtealing Hogs* Was read a third Time with Amendments, &

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to—

Order'd

That the Clerk go down and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill with ſome Amendments & deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the County of* Orange was read a Second Time, &

Order'd

To be read a third Time immediately—Read a third Time accordingly—

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill be agreed to without any Amendments—

The Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the County of* Goochland was read a Second Time, &

Order'd To be read a third Time immediately—Read a third Time accordingly—

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill be agreed to without any Amendments—

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bills without any Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney* that they had paſs'd A Bill intitled *An Act for eſtabliſhing the General Court and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein* to which they deſire the Concurrence of their Honours

Then the Council Adj^d till 12 o'Clock on *Saturday*—

Saturday March 25th

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, T. Lee, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon* Eſq^rs & *W. Dawſon* D. D.

The Bill intitled *An Act for eſtabliſhing the General Court and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein* was read the firſt Time, &

Order'd a Second Reading—

Adjourn'd till 11. on *Monday*

Monday March 27th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Council conſider'd the Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes in Relation to their pretended Right of Searching the Journals of the Upper Houſe of Aſſembly, and agreed to the following Repreſentation and Reſolves, and order'd the ſame to be printed in the next *Virginia* Gazette.

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As the Council have often demonſtrated the ſincereſt Diſpoſition to preſerve a good Correſpondence with the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and always paid a due Regard to their juſt Rights, they are the more aſtoniſh'd at the Reſolves in their printed Journals of the 10th & 14th of this *Inſtant*, by which the Council ſtand Accuſed, without the leaſt Shadow of Reaſon, or Juſtice, of having violated an undoubted Right and Privilege of their Houſe. Had the Burgeſſes, agreeably to the Parliamentary Method, before they made thoſe haſty Reſolves, vouchſaf'd to deſire the Reaſons of the Council's Conduct, they could not have had any Thing to object to it, and would have receiv'd the Fulleſt Satisfaction.

Whenever either Houſe has been diſſatisfy'd with the other, Conferrences have been uſually deſired, and the Subject Matter of diſpute amicably debated, and thereby Miſunderſtandings commonly rectify'd, and that Harmony and good Agreement, which ought always to subſiſt between them, cultivated and maintain'd. But ſince the Burgeſſes have preſum'd to run counter to this ancient, decent, and eſtabliſh'd Method, having probably had nothing leſs in their thoughts than a becoming Reſpect, and perhaps conſcious that they had acted in Oppoſition to Reaſon and Precedent; the Council find themſelves under the unpleaſing Neceſſity of publickly vindicating the Legality of their Proceeding which has been reflected upon with ſuch miſtaken Heat, and unparalled'd Severity. The Queſtion is, whether the Burgeſſes have an undoubted Right to ſearch the Journals of the Upper Houſe without their Leave? The Council ſay, that the conſtant and uninterrupted Practice is the Law of Parliament; that this pretended Right now claim'd by the Burgeſſes was unknown to any preceding Aſſembly; that the regular Courſe to obtain a Knowledge of their Proceedings in any Matters tranſacted in their Houſe is by a Meſſage to deſire to be inform'd thereof; and inſiſt upon this Method being agreeable to the Proceedings of Aſſembly, well warranted by Precedent; and what the Burgeſſes could never have doubted of, had they conſulted their own Journals. The Council to confirm their Aſſertion, and to prevent all future Controverſy, have thought proper to exhibit the following Copies of Entries upon their Journals.

In their Journal of the 20th of *June* 1730 there is enter'd "A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Kemp* and others,

"*May it pleaſe Your Honours*,

"The Houſe of Burgeſſes being inform'd that a Paper was enter'd in Your Journal on *Thurſday* laſt by *Richard Fitzwilliam* Eſq; containing ſeveral unjuſt and injurious Reflections and Calumnies upon them and their Proceedings highly derogatory to the Honour of the Houſe, and in open Breach and Violation of their undoubted Rights & Privileges, have order'd Us to deſire Your Honours to ſend them a Copy of that paper as it is entered upon Your Journals.

"The Council immediately took the Meſſage into Conſideration, and after Debate thereon, the Queſtion was put, That the Copy of the Journal of *Thurſday* laſt, ſo far as it relates to *Richard Fitzwilliam* Eſq; be ſent to the Houſe of Burgeſſes—*It paſs'd in the Affirmative*. And a Copy was accordingly ſent to the Houſe of Burgeſſes by the Clerk of the General Aſſembly.

This Precedent was made when Mr *Holloway* was Speaker, and Mr *John Randolph* (who drew the Meſſage) Clerk, both eminent Lawyers, well acquainted with Parliamentary Affairs, jealous and careful of the Privileges of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

The next Precedent is on the Councils Journal of the 25th of *Auguſt* 1736, when Sir *John Randolph* was Speaker, as follows

"A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Willis* and others That they deſired to know what their Honours had done with the Bill ſent up from their Houſe, intitled *An Act for repealing the Act intitled* An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms &c.

"*Order'd*

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them in Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage that the Council have had under Conſideration the Bill

Bill intitled *An Act for repealing the* Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs *and two other Acts to amend and explain and for continuing and further amending that Act* and having Read the same twice upon a Question put for reading it the third Time, *it pass'd in the Negative.*

These Instances unconteſtably prove whose Rights have been invaded, unanſwerably shew what the present House of Burgesses ought to have done, and sufficiently justify the Proceedings of the Council and these their Resolves,

Resolved

That the Privilege claimed by the House of Burgesses in their Resolve of the 14th of this *Instant March* is new, unknown to their Predecessors and inconsistent with the Constitution.

Resolved

That it is the Right of the Council to keep the Possession of their own Journals, and the demanding their Journals by the Messengers of the House of Burgesses as they report to their House the 10th of this *Instant March*, is a Breach of the Privilege of the Council, and that the Resolve of the House of Burgesses of the 14th also of this *Instant March* without asking a Conference is injurious to the Council, unparliamentary, and a notorious Infringement of their indubitable Rights.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Hedgman* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for preventing Trespasses by unruly Horses Cattle Hogs Sheep or Goats and by taking away Boats or other Vessels*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of this House—

Which Bill was read the first Time, and Order'd a Second Reading.

The Bill intitled *An Act for establishing the General Court and for regulating & settling the Proceedings therein* was read a Second Time and Order'd a third Reading.

Order'd That the Bill intitled *An Act for the decent and uniform Celebration of divine Service &c* be read a third Time Tomorrow with the Amendments.

Then the Council Adjd till Tomorrow 10. o'Clock.

Tuesday March 28th

Present

J. *ROBINSON, T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelson* Esqrs & *W Dawson* D. D.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr Secretary *Nelson* that they agreed to some of the Amendments propos'd by the Council to the Bill intitled *An Act for settling the Titles and Bounds of Lands &c* and disagreed to Others, and desired their Honours to pass the Bill with the Amendments agreed to.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Bland* that they agreed to some of the Amendments of the Council to the Bill intitled *An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions &c* and disagreed to others &c

The Bill intitled *An Act for establishing the General Courts &c* was read a third Time,

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill without any Amendments.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Ludwell* that they had agreed to some of the Councils Amendments to the *Act prescribing the Method of appointing Sherifs &c* and disagreed to others &c

A Message by Mr *Attorney* from the Burgesses that they had agreed to some of the Councils Amendments to the *Act to prevent the clandestine Transportation or carrying of Persons in Debt Servants or Slaves out of this Colony* and disagreed to others, and desir'd their Honours to pass the Bill with the Amendments agreed to—

A Meſſage by Mr *Burwell* from the Burgeſſes that they had agreed to the Councils Amendments to the *Act for clearing Rivers and Creeks.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Corbin* that they had diſagreed to the Councils Amendments to the Bill intitled *An Act againſt ſtealing Hogs*, and deſir'd their Honours to recede from their Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Waller* that they inſiſt on their Amendments upon the Councils Amendments to the Bill intitled *An Act preſcribing the Method for proving Book Debts*—

The Bill intitled *An Act for preventing Treſpaſſes by unruly Horſes* &c was read a Second Time, and Order'd a third Reading.

Adjourn'd till ten To-morrow Morning.

Wedneſday March 29th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Bill intitled *An Act for preventing Treſpaſſes by unruly Horſes &c* was read a third Time,

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intitled *An Act for the decent and uniform Celebration of divine Service &c* Read a third Time with Amendments—

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill as amended be agreed to—

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the firſt Bill without any Amendment and to the other Bill with Amendments to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Burgeſſes.

The Council conſider'd their Amendments to the *Act for ſettling the Titles and Bounds of Lands &c* receded from One of the Amendments, and inſiſted upon the reſt—

Alſo their Amendments to the *Act declaring the Law concerning Executions &c* diſagreed to by the Burgeſſes, receded from One and inſiſted on the Others.

Alſo their Amendments to the *Act preſcribing the Method of appointing Sherifs &c* diſagreed to by the Burgeſſes, and inſiſted upon the ſame.

Alſo their Amendments to the *Act to prevent the clandeſtine Tranſportation or carrying of Perſons in Debt Servants or Slaves out of this Colony*, diſagreed to by the Burgeſſes, receded from ſome and inſiſted on the reſt—

Alſo their Amendments to the *Act againſt ſtealing Hogs*, diſagreed to by the Burgeſſes, receded from ſome, and inſiſted on the reſt—

Alſo their Amendments of the Burgeſſes on their Amendments to the *Act preſcribing the Method for proving Book-Debts*, and receded from their Diſagreement—

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith.

Then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow ten o'Clock.

Thurſday March 30th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act concerning Water Mills.* Which Bill was read the firſt Time, and

Order'd a ſecond Reading immediately—Read accordingly & Order'd to be committed.

Adjourn'd till Ten of Clock Tomorrow.

Friday

Friday March 31ſt

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, J. Cuſtis, T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair* Eſqrs & *W. Dawſon* D. D.

The Bill intitled *An Act concerning Water Mills* was read a third Time with Amendments

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to—

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill with ſome Amendments, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr *Parks* deſiring to be heard by the Council, in Order to excuſe himſelf for delaying the Publication of their Honours Repreſentation and Reſolves, and for not paying an immediate Obedience to their Order, was upon his requeſt admitted into the Council Chamber and acquainted the Houſe that Col. *Charles Carter* and others of the Burgeſſes having had Information of his having receiv'd an Order from this Houſe to publiſh in his next *Gazette* a Paper in Anſwer to ſome Reſolves of the Burgeſſes, threatned to have him taken into Cuſtody and to take away his Salary if he comply'd with their Honours Order, and he hop'd their Honours would ſoften their Repreſentation. He was then order'd to withdraw—And the Council having conſider'd what Mr *Parks* acquainted them with, he was again call'd in, and expreſſly commanded to purſue the Order of this Houſe, and not to delay the Publication of the ſaid Paper.

Then the Council Adjourn'd till Ten o'Clock Tomorrow.

Saturday April 1ſt

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon* Eſqrs & *W. Dawſon* D. D.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fry* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act giving a Reward for killing Wolves.* Which Bill was read the firſt Time, and

Order'd a Second Reading immediately—Read accordingly and Order'd a third Reading immediately—Read accordingly—

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill be agreed to—

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill without any Amendments.

The Council this Day having upon Peruſal of the *Virginia Gazette* taken Notice that their Repreſentation and Reſolves were not publiſh'd therein, Order'd Mr *Parks* to be ſent for, who accordingly attending, and being ask'd why he had not comply'd with the Order given him yeſterday by this Houſe, anſwer'd that the [he] had receiv'd the Governors Command to defer the Publication at leaſt for this Week. He was then Order'd to withdraw.

Reſolv'd

That an humble Addreſs be prepar'd to his Honour the Governor to know if he gave ſuch commands to Mr *Parks*, and if he did, by whoſe Advice, and it is refer'd to *Wm Fairfax* and *W. Nelſon* Eſqrs to draw it, who withdrew and returning ſoon after, reported that according to Order they had prepar'd an Addreſs to the Governor, which was read, and agreed to, and is as follows—

To the Honble Sir William Gooch *Bart. Lieutenant Governor of* Virginia.

May it pleaſe your Honour,

We his Majeſty's dutiful Subjects the Council of *Virginia* now convened in General Aſſembly are much concerned to find ourſelves under an abſolute Neceſſity of addreſſing Your Honor on a ſubject that may in any manner be diſagreeable to You; but when We reflect on Your Honour's known Equity and natural Love of Juſtice which have been ſo remarkably conſpicuous in every Part of your wiſe and happy Adminiſtration, our Apprehenſions of creating Your Honour ſome ſmall Uneaſineſs vaniſh, being well aſſured that

that every other Conſideration will have no Weight with you, when Reaſon, Juſtice, and Equity call for your Attention. Upon ſome Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council had invaded the Rights and Privileges of that Houſe by refuſing to have their Journals ſearch'd by the Burgeſſes without a Meſſage, the Council thought themſelves obliged to draw up a Repreſentation of the Affair, and enter'd into ſome Reſolves thereon, wherein they offer ſuch plain Reaſons as they hoped would take off the Odium, which thoſe Reſolves of the lower Houſe might otherwiſe have fixt upon them; and order'd the ſame to be printed in the *Virginia Gazette.* The printer being inform'd of the Order came up to the Council, and beg'd them to diſpenſe with his printing the ſaid Repreſentation and Reſolves, and ſaid he was threatned by ſeveral of the Burgeſſes, that he ſhould ſuffer ſeverely if he preſumed to print the ſame; notwithſtanding the Council order'd him to print them in his *Gazette* of the preſent Week. But that Paper appearing and no Complyance with their Order, the Council order'd the Printer to attend them this Morning and upon asking him the Reaſons of his Diſobedience, were told that your Honour had order'd him not to print the ſaid Repreſentation and Reſolves at leaſt for this Week. Now, *Sir*, the Council conceiving their Honour to be much affected by thoſe unparliamentary Proceedings of the Burgeſſes, do with the greateſt Deference and Reſpect apply to know, if Your Honour gave ſuch Orders to the Printer, and, if Your Honour did, by whoſe Advice the ſame were given. And the Council do hope and beg, that if ſuch Orders have been given by Your Honour that you will revoke them, and allow us the exerciſe of that natural Right of every free born Subject to vindicate his Character openly, when openly attack'd, and to clear himſelf from the Attempts of Miſrepreſentation and Calumny, leſt their baneful Influence ſhould make Impreſſions, however uncharitable or injurious, yet too ſtrong to be eaſily remov'd if they are ſuffer'd to have a Run too long unattended to. And the Council are the rather induced to hope Your Honour will not refuſe them this ſo reaſonable a Requeſt, if you will pleaſe to Conſider the Conſequences, and in what unhappy Circumſtances the Council will be left in Caſe of a Refuſal, ſince the Journals of the Burgeſſes are printed and diſperſed thro' all the Northern Part of the Continent, and in theſe Journals thoſe unjuſt Aſperſions will appear to the World, who will fondly enough conclude the Council are really guilty of the heavy Charge, if nothing appears as publick in their Juſtification.

Reſolv'd, That this Houſe wait upon the Governor this Afternoon with the ſaid Addreſs.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr Secretary *Nelſon* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for the Settlement and Regulation of Ferries and for Diſpatch of public Expreſſes*—

Which Bill was read the firſt Time, and Order'd a ſecond Reading.

Adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning 11. o'Clock.

Monday April 3d

Preſent

J. ROBINSON, T. Lee, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon Eſqrs & *W. Dawſon* D. D.

The Bill intitled *An Act for the Settlement and Regulation of Ferries &c* was read a ſecond Time, and Order'd to be committed to *W. Fairfax* and *J. Blair* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Jones* that they inſiſt on their Diſagreement to their Honours Amendments to the *Act to allow Perſons not concerned in making Tobacco to diſcharge Levies and Officers fees in Money*, Which Amendments, on the Queſtion put, were adhered to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council adhere to their Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

The Bill intitled *An Act for the Settlement and Regulation of Ferries &c* was read a third Time with Amendments.

Reſolv'd

Refolv'd That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be Agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill with Amendments, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr *Preſident* reported that the Houſe had waited on the Governor with their Addreſs agreed to on *Saturday*, and left the ſame with his Honour, and deſir'd he would be pleas'd to favour them with an Anſwer.

Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 10. o'Clock.

Tueſday April 4th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney* that they had paſſed a Bill intitled *An Act concerning Highways Mill Dams and Bridges.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr Secretary *Nelſon* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for the effectual Suppreſſion of Vice.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Waller* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for the Preſervation of the Breed of Deer and preventing unlawful Hunting*—

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Braxton* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act For regulating Ordinaries and reſtraint of Tipling Houſes*—

Which Bills were all read the firſt Time, and Order'd a Second Reading—

Then the Council Adjourn'd till Ten Tomorrow—

Wedneſday April 5th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr Secretary *Nelſon* that they inſiſt on their Diſagreement to the Amendments to the *Act declaring the Law concerning Executions &c* Which Amendments on the Queſtion put were receded from.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have receded from their Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Bland* that they had receded from their Diſagreement to the Amendments to the *Act agſt ſtealing Hogs.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Waller* that they recede from their Diſagreement to ye Amendments to the Bill to prevent the clandeſtine Tranſportation or carrying of Perſons in Debt Servants or Slaves out of this Colony.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they can't agree to the Amendments to the *Act concerning Water Mills.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Digges* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act concerning Servants and Slaves.* Which Bill was read the firſt Time, and

Order'd a Second Reading.

The Bill intitled *An Act concerning Highways &c* was read a Second Time,

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be committed

The Bill intitled *An Act concerning Highways &c* was read a third Time with Amendments—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bills with the Amendments be agreed to.

The Bill intitled *An Act for the Preſervation of the Breed of Deer &c* Was Read a Second Time, and Amendments being propoſed and agreed to, was Order'd to be read a third Time immediately with the Amendments—Read accordingly a third Time.

Refolv'd That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and Acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bills with Amendments and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

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The Bill intitled *An Act for the effectual Suppression of Vice* was Read a Second Time, and Order'd to be committed to *John Blair* Esq; and *Wm Dawson* D. D.

The Bill for regulating Ordinaries &c was read a Second Time, and an Amendment being made at the Table, was Order'd to be read a third Time immediately with the Amendment. Read accordingly a third Time—

Resolv'd

That the said Bill with the Amendment be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Jones* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *An Act to explain and amend the* Act for erecting two new Counties and Parishes and granting certain Encouragements to the Inhabitants thereof.

Which Bill was read the first Time and Order'd a Second Reading.

Adjd till Tomorrow 10. o'Clock.

Thursday April 6th

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Waller* that they had receded from their Disagreement to all the Amendments made by their Honours to the Bill intitled *An Act for settling the Titles and Bounds of Lands &c* except one and desire their Honours to recede from that Amendment.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Gray* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *An Act to impower the Vestry of the Parish of* Newport *in the County of* Isle *of* Wight *to sell the Glebe Lands in the said Parish and to purchase a more convenient Glebe in Lieu thereof,* Which Bill was read the first Time and Order'd a Second Reading.

The Bill intitled *An Act for the effectual Suppression of Vice* was read a third Time with Amendments—

Resolv'd

That the said Bill with the Amendments be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with some Amendments and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill intitled *An Act concerning Servants and Slaves* was read a Second Time, and Order'd to be committed to *T Lee* and *W. Fairfax* Esqrs

The Bill intitled *An Act to explain and Amend the* Act for erecting two new Counties &c was read a Second Time, and an Amendment being proposed and agreed to was Ordered a third Reading immediately with the Amendment—

Read accordingly—

Resolved

That the said Bill with the Amendment be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Adjourn'd till Tomorroe 10 o'Clock

Friday April 7th

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Washington* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the Parish of* Truro *and dissolving the Vestry of the Parish of* Suffolk *and other Purposes therein mention'd*—Which Bill was read the first Time, and

Order'd

Order'd to be read a Second Time, and that Notice be given to Parties Concern'd to attend.

The Bill intituled *An Act to impower the Vestry of the Parish of* Newport *in the County of* Isle *of* Wight *to sell the Glebe Lands &c.* was read a Second Time, and

Order'd a third Reading immediately—Read accordingly a third Time,

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill without any Amendment.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Claiborn* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *An Act to dock the Intail of Two Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land in the Parish of* Westover *in the County of* Charles City *whereof* Rebecca *Wife of* William Clinch *lately died seised in Fee tail and to vest the same in certain Trustees in Fee simple and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

Which Bill was read the first Time, and

Order'd a Second Reading—and that Notice be given to the Parties to attend for Proof of the Allegations.

Then the Council Adjd till Tomorrow Ten o'Clock.

Saturday April 8th

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Bland* that they had agreed to all the Amendments propos'd by the Council to the *Act concerning Highways &c* but one, and had made an Amendment upon that Amendment and desir'd their Honours Concurrence [there]to. Which Amendment on the Question put was agreed to.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Carter* that they have receded from their Disagreement to five of the Amendments to the *Act prescribing the Method of appointing Sherifs &c* and insist on their Disagreement to the rest—

Which Amendments, being considered, were upon the Question put, receded from.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Lomax* that they had agreed to all the Amendments, but one, to the *Act for Settlement and Regulation of Ferries &c*

Which Amendment was, on the Question put, receded from.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses therewith

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Jones* that they had pass'd a Resolve That forty five Pounds be paid out of the public Money in the Hands of the Treasurer to *Richard Cocke* Gent. in full Satisfaction for a Negro Man Slave belonging to him, adjudged by the County Court of *Lunenburg* guilty of committing a Rape and in Consequence thereof executed a Certificate of the Valuation having been transmitted to the Assembly and no Allowance made him in the Book of Claims.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve—

Order'd That this House Adjourn till *Monday* Morning Nine o'Clock

Monday

Monday April 10th 1749

Prefent

JOHN ROBINSON, *Thomas Lee, Lewis Burwell, William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelfon* Efqrs & *William Dawfon* D. D.

The Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the Parifh of* Truro *and diffolving the Veftry of* Suffolk *and other Purpofes therein mentioned* was read a Second Time and Order'd a third Reading.

The Amendment to the *Act for fettling the Titles and Bounds of Lands &c* difagreed to by the Burgeffes was confidered, and on the Queftion put receded from.

The Amendments to the *Act concerning Water Mills*, difagreed to by the Burgeffes, were confider'd, and on the Queftion put feverally on each,

Refolv'd

That the faid Amendments be receded from—

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have receded from their Amendments to the faid Bills difagreed to by that Houfe, and pafs'd the Bills with the Amendments agreed to.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Waller* that they had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act concerning Strays*—Which Bill was read the firft Time, and

Order'd

To be read a Second Time

Then the Houfe

Adjd till Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuefday April 11th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

The Bill intitled *An Act concerning Strays* was read a Second Time and *Ordered* a third Reading immediately—Read accordingly—

Refolv'd, That the faid Bill be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill without any Amendments.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Beverley* that they had pafs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for the better fecuring the Payment of Rents and preventing the fraudulent Practices of Tenants*, to which they defire the Concurrence of their Honours.

Thomas Lee Efq; reported from the Committee to whom the Bill intitled *An Act concerning Servants and Slaves* was committed, that they had prepared fome Amendments to the faid Bill, which Amendments were read and, on the Queftion put feverally on each, fome were agreed to and others difagreed to.

Order'd

That the faid Bill be read a third Time with the Amendments agreed to.

Read accordingly a third Time, and the Queftion being put that the faid Bill as amended be Agreed to, *it pafs'd in the Affirmative*,

Refolv'd

That the faid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill with fome Amendments and defire their Concurrence thereto—

Diffentient'

Thomas Lee and *William Fairfax* Efqrs

A Bill having paffed the Houfe of Burgeffes intitled *An Act concerning Servants and Slaves* in which Convicts tranfported by Act of Parliament for Felony are declared to be intitled

intitled to the ſame Care and Freedom dues that are given by the ſame Act for Encouragement to Volunteers for ſerving hereby Indenture &c An Amendment was propoſed that all thoſe Parts of the Act might be expunged, and after a Debate *it paſſed in the Negative*—

Diſſentient'

1ſt Becauſe Convicts tranſported for various Kinds of Felonies and ſome of the worſt Kinds ſent here for ſeven or more Years deſign'd as a Puniſhment for their atrocious Crimes, and by that Service to work out their Pardon, and their Puniſhment to be an Example to others, thereby preventing them from perpetrating the like Crimes: And for a ſubordinate Government and Legiſlature to interpoſe to alleviate that Puniſhment which a Superior Legiſlature has impoſed, is contradicting the Deſign of the Act of Parliament, and not in our Power to do.

2dly Becauſe however it may appear to be merciful with Reſpect to theſe Criminals, yet it is certainly cruel to our Country and contrary to all civil Policy; it cauſes great Delays in the Courts of Juſtice by the Time employ'd in Criminal Tryals, and as we have great Numbers of Negroes who are doom'd as well as their Poſterity to perpetual Slavery; and as it has been truly ſaid that Freedom wears a Cap that can without a Tongue call together all thoſe that long to ſhake off the Fetters of Slavery, when the Imports of Convicts under theſe Encouragements are ſufficiently increas'd who are wicked enough to join our Slaves in any Miſchief, it may, and in all Probability will bring ſure and ſudden Deſtruction on all his Majeſty's good Subjects of this Colony.

3dly Becauſe putting Volunteers and Convicts on the ſame Footing as to Rewards and Puniſhments, is diſcouraging the Good and Encouraging the Bad; for what honeſt Man would chuſe to ſerve in a Country where no Diſtinction is made?

4thly Becauſe this Encouragement to Convicts will be a great Oppreſſion on the poorer Sort of Planters, who having large Families to Support, and not Money enough to buy a Slave and the uſual Imports of indented Volunteers being diſcouraged, have been obliged to buy Convicts, who having a long Time to ſerve, and only the firſt Purchaſe to pay, came cheaper to them; and tempted them to run the Riſque, and by this Practice the Intent of the Act of Parliament was comply'd with, and the Labour of wicked Men turn'd to the Profit of the poor induſtrious Planter. But when they are to pay Three Pounds Ten Shillings, as this Law directs for Freedom Dues, it will take away One Year's Profit, which is too much for a poor Man to be loaded with.

5thly Becauſe this Encouragement to Convicts will, like a two edged Sword cut both ways: for as it is well known that they hold a Correſpondence with the Gangs of Theives they came from, ſo they will, no Doubt, acquaint them with our Tenderneſs and Countenance towards them, which may be a Temptation to them to perſiſt in their evil Ways; ſince their Puniſhment will be only the being deſtin'd to live better than perhaps they ever did in their Lives—Thus will the poor be burden'd with an additional Tax on their Labour and the Country overwhelm'd with an Inundation of all Sorts of Theives

6thly Becauſe if it intends the Diſcouragement of Convicts it will be flying in the Face of an Act of Parliament, which in Duty we ought not to do; nor can we adviſe the Governor to paſs ſuch a Law and may if paſs'd here occaſion its Repeal in *Great Britain*, ſo ſhall we loſe the Benefit of thoſe Parts of the Law that are of public Utility.

7thly Becauſe it may confirm an Odium on this Country, that we are like thoſe we encourage and honeſt Men will not chuſe to live in ſuch Company.

Laſtly. This Part of the Law muſt neceſſarily tend either to obſtruct the Execution of the Act of Parliament by diſcouraging the Purchaſe of ſuch Convicts, or in a great Meaſure fruſtrate the Intent of the Act in the Deſign'd Puniſhment; neither of which Purpoſes ought to be attempted by an Act of a Subordinate Government in Oppoſition to that of a Superior.

Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday

Wednesday April 12th

Present

AS BEFORE.

The Bill intitled *An Act for the better securing the Payment of Rents and preventing the fraudulent Practices of Tenants* was read the first Time, and

Order'd a second Reading immediately Read accordingly a second Time, and

Order'd a third Reading immediately Read accordingly a third Time.

Resolv'd That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go down and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill without any Amendments.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Maddison* that they could not agree to their Honours Amendment to the *Act to explain and amend the* Act for erecting two new Counties, and desir'd their Honours to pass the Bill without any Amendments.

Which Amendment was considered, and, on the Question put, insisted upon.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council insist on their Amendment to the said Bill and desire them to recede from their Disagreement.

[Adjd till Tomorrow..]

Thursday April 13th

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message by Mr *Carter* from the Burgesses that they had agreed to some of the Amendments to the Bill intitled *An Act for the Preservation of the Breed of Deer &c.* and disagreed to others, and desir'd the Council to pass the Bill with the Amendments agreed to. Which Amendments being considered, and the Question put severally on each, some were insisted upon and others receded from.

Ordered That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council insist upon some of their Amendments to the said Bill, and recede from others, & desire them to recede from their Disagreement to the Amendments insisted upon—

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Whiting* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *An Act directing the Manner of granting Probats of Wills and Administration of Intestates Estates*—Which Bill was read the first Time, &

Order'd a Second Reading.

Adjd till Nine o'Clock Tomorrow.

Friday April 14th

Present

AS BEFORE & *John Custis* Esq;

The Bill intitled *An Act directing the Manner of granting Probats of Wills &c* was read a second Time, & Order'd to be committed.

A Petition of the Freeholders and Housekeepers of the Parish of *Cople* in *Westmorland* to divide the County into three Parishes, was read and refer'd to the Consideration of the Burgesses—

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses therewith.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Whiting* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *An Act for ascertaining the Damage upon protested Bills of Exchange and for the better Recovery or* [*of*] *Debts due on Promisory Notes and for the Assignment of Bonds Obligations and Notes*—Which Bill was read the First Time, and Order'd a Second Reading.

Adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock Tomorrow

Saturday

Saturday April 15th

Prefent

AS BEFORE except *J. Cuftis.*

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Braxton* that they had pafs'd a Bill intitled *An Act directing the Duty of Surveyors of Land.*

[*An*] *Act directing the Manner of granting Probats of Wills &c* was Read a third Time with Amendments.

Refolv'd That the faid Bill as amended be agreed to.

The Act for afcertaining the Damage upon protefted Bills of Exchange &c was read a fecond Time, and Order'd a third Reading immediately—Read accordingly, and

Refolv'd That the faid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the firft Bill with fome Amendments, and to the other without any Amendments.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Fitzhugh* that they had pafs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for erecting a Town in the County of* Prince William.

Then the Council Adjourn'd till Nine a *Monday.*

Monday April 17th

Prefent

J. ROBINSON, J. Cuftis, T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelfon Efqrs & *W. Dawfon* D. D.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Carter* and Others that they had pafs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for eftablifhing a Town near* New Caftle *and erecting the Public Buildings and for other Purpofes therein mentioned*

The Bill intitled *An Act directing the Duty of Surveyors of Land* was read the firft Time,

Order'd to be read a Second Time

The Bill intitled *An Act for erecting a Town in the County of* Prince William, was read the firft Time, and Order'd to be read a fecond Time.

The Bill intitled *An Act for eftablifhing a Town near* New Caftle *&c* was read the firft Time, and, on the Queftion put, that the faid Bill be read a Second Time, *it pafs'd in the Negative.*

Refolv'd That the faid Bill be rejected.

Diffentient' John Robinfon, Thomas Lee, and *Wm Fairfax* Efqrs

The Bill intitled *An Act for eftablifhing a Town near* New Caftle *&c* being read the firft Time, and a Motion made that it be read a fecond Time, and amended with a Claufe fufpending the Act until his Majefty's Pleafure be known, the Queftion being put, after a Debate thereupon, *it is pafs'd in the Negative.*

Diffentient'

1st Becaufe this Bill is in Confequence of a voluntary Subfcription of public fpirited Gentlemen, who, for the Honour of the Crown, and Conveniency of the much greater part of his Majefty's good Subjects, are defirous at their proper Expence to build in the moft convenient Place a commodious Houfe for his Majefty's Supreme Courts of Juftice of this Colony, alfo a fuitable Houfe for the better Accommodation of his Majefty's Governor.

2dly Becaufe the Claufe Propofed as an Amendment fufpending the Execution of the Bill until his Majefty's good Pleafure fhould be known, carries with it fo clear an Expreffion of our Duty and Refignation to the beft of Kings, and Father of his People, whofe tender Care for the Profperity of all his Subjects admits of no Doubt, that it is Matter of Wonder to us, that it fhould be rejected in this Houfe.

3dly Becaufe near fifty Years Experience has convinced the Majority of the Country of the Unfitnefs of the prefent Place, and the feveral Attempts of the Houfe of Burgeffes

Burgeſſes to remove it to a more convenient Place, abundantly Juſtifies our Opinion, two thirds at leaſt of the Country are deſirous that the Seat of Government may be removed, as may be plainly evinced by the Votes of this Seſſion.

4thly Becauſe *Williamſburg* is ſeated ſo as to increaſe a great Burthen on the Inhabitants of this Colony as Suitors in the Supreme Courts of Juſtice, as well as the Members of the General Aſſembly, it being not above Sixty Miles from the Sea but above two Hundred and Fifty Miles from the Frontier Inhabitants, who are continually extending the Poſſeſſions of the Crown Weſtward, and ought to be encouraged as it will be keeping the Enemy at a greater Diſtance, the gaining a Poſſeſſion of a fine Country, and extending the *Britiſh* Empire in a Soil proper for raiſing Naval Stores to the Increaſe of our Shipping & Navigation.

5thly Becauſe *Williamſburg* is ſo ſeated as neither to have good Air or Water proper for Trade or good Living, Proviſions dear and bad, wood at an exceſſive Rate, and all the Neceſſaries of Life ſo hard to get, that Tradeſmen and Artificers are diſcouraged from ſettling there.

6thly Becauſe the Place deſign'd by this Bill has all the Conveniences and Advantages that *Williamſburg* wants; it is much more central being fifty Miles higher up the Country, conſequently ſo much nearer the Bulk of the People, and in that Reſpect will ſave a great Expence to every private Suitor for Juſtice, and a great Saving on every Meeting of the Legiſlature. It is ſeated on a fine freſh River the chief Branch of *York* River, a dry and healthy Soil, fine Air, and excellent Water, on a River that affords a ſufficient Navigation for all the Neceſſaries of Life, the greateſt Plenty, and likely to be ſo to the lateſt Generation; likewiſe a Place capably of being made with an inconſiderable Expence ſecure and defenſible againſt every Enemy.

7thly Becauſe it ſeems to Us that there is ſo ſtrong a Deſire in the Generality of the People for removing the Seat of Government to a better Place, that it will hang over *Williamſburg* with ſo baneful an Influence, that, attended as it is with its native Inconveniencies, it can never thrive; every Miſchief will greatly encreaſe and all the Expence that the County muſt be at in building here will be ſo much Money Sunk. The Good of the People will prevail, the Force of Truth will drive away that miſt which at preſent has prevented Us from having what belongs to our Peace and our Happineſs.

And *laſtly*. Becauſe the Morals of the Youth of this Colony educated at the College are greatly depraved by the evil Examples they ſee from the Numbers that flock to this Place at the public Meetings, the Impreſſions that are receiv'd at thoſe Times being too ſtrong for all the Care of the Maſters to overcome. And we are perſuaded that while the Seat of Government is continued, the Evil will increase, and our Proſpect from the Corruption of the Morals of the riſing Generation is a very melancholy Conſideration.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Jones* that they inſiſt on their Diſagreement to the Amendments propoſed by their Honours to the *Act for the Preſervation of the Breed of Deer &c.*

Which Amendments were conſidered, and, on the Queſtion put ſeverally on each, adhered to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council adhere to their Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

Then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Nine o'Clock.

Tueſday April 18th

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon* Eſqrs & *W. Dawſon* D. D.

The Act directing the Duty of Surveyors of Land was read a ſecond Time, and Order'd to be committed to *J. Blair* Eſq; and *W. Dawſon* D. D.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr Secretary *Nelſon* that they had agreed to ſome of the Amendments propos'd by their Honours to the *Act for the decent and uniform Celebration of divine Service &c* diſagreed to others, and agreed to others with Amendments.

The Act for erecting a Town in the County of Prince William was read a ſecond Time, and Order'd to lye on the Table.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Ludwell* that they had paſs'd *An Act Concerning Marriages*, to which they deſir'd their Honours Concurrence.

Which Bill was read the firſt Time and Order'd a ſecond Reading.

Then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday April 19th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Bill intitled *An Act Concerning Marriages* was read a Second Time, and with ſome Amendments made at the Table, Order'd to be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly a third Time with Amendments.

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire their Concurrence.

The Council took into Conſideration their Amendments to the Bill for the decent and uniform Celebration of divine Service &c diſagreed to by the Burgeſſes, and on the Queſtion put ſeverally on each, receded from One, and inſiſted on the reſt, and agree to One of the Burgeſſes Amendments on their Amendments.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Gray* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the County of* Iſle *of* Wight *into two diſtinct Counties and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Then the Council Adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock Tomorrow

Thurſday April 20th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the County of* Iſle *of* Wight *&c* Read the firſt Time,

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time immediately—Read a ſecond Time,

Order'd

To be read a third Time immediately—Read a third Time—

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill be Agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill without any Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Corbin* that they had prepar'd an Addreſs to his Majeſty for a Reduction of the Duties on Tobacco and a Repreſentation to the Houſe of Commons and deſir'd to know if their Honours would be pleas'd to join with them therein.

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The Bill for dividing the Parish of *Truro* and dissolving the Vestry of the Parish of *Suffolk* &c was read a 3d Time with some Amendments.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill as Amended be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Maddison* that they insist on their Disagreement to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill intitled *An Act to explain and amend* the Act for erecting two new Counties and Parishes &c and desire their Honours will recede from their Amendment.

Then the Council Adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock Tomorrow

Friday April 21st

Present

J. ROBINSON, *T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelson* Esqre, *W. Dawson* D. D. & *T. Nelson* Esq;

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Turner* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *An Act to impower the Trustees of* Leeds *Town to make a Causeway through the Marsh opposite thereto and for appointing a public Ferry*—Which Bill was read the first Time, and Order'd, a second Reading.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Burwell* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *An Act Declaring Slaves to be personal Estate and for other Purposes therein mention'd.*

Also that they had agreed to One of the Amendments propos'd by their Honours to the Bill Concerning Servants and Slaves and disagreed to the Rest—

Which Amendments were taken into Consideration, and, on the Question put severally on each, receded from.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have receded from their Amendments to the said Bill, disagreed to by their House.

The Bill declaring Slaves to be personal Estate &c was read the first Time, and

Order'd

To be read a second Time.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Waller* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *An Act for the Distribution of Intestates Estates.*

Also that they had agreed to One of their Honours Amendments to the Bill directing the Manner of granting Probats &c and disagreed to the rest. Which Amendments being consider'd, and the Question put severally on each, the Council receded from One of the Amendments disagreed to, and insisted on all the others.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses therewith, and desire them to recede from their Disagreement to the Amendments insisted on.

The Bill for the Distribution of Intestates Estates was read the first Time, and Order'd a second Reading.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Beverly* that they had agreed to the Amendments propos'd by their Honours to the Bill intitled *An Act Concerning Marriages.*

Then the Council Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Nine o'Clock.

Saturday

Saturday April 22d

Prefent

AS BEFORE

The Bill intitled *An Act to impower the Truftees of* Leeds *Town to make a Caufway through the Marfh oppofite thereto and for appointing a public Ferry* was read the fecond Time,

Order'd

That the faid Bill be Read a third Time immediately. Read accordingly

Refolv'd

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intitled *An Act directing the Duty of Surveyors of Land*—Was read a third Time.

Refolv'd

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bills without any Amendment.

The Amendment to the Bill to explain and amend the *Act for erecting two new Counties and Parifhes &c* difagreed to by the Burgeffes, and that Difagreement infifted upon, was on the Queftion put adhered to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council adhere to their Amendment to the faid Bill.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Waller* that they have receded from their Difagreement to One of the Amendments to the Bill directing the Manner of granting Probats of Wills &c and infift on their Difagreement to two, and defire their Honours will pafs the Bill with the Amendments agreed to.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Carter* that they had agreed to fome of the Amendments to the Bill for the effectual Suppreffion of Vice, and difagreed to others. Which Amendments, on the Queftion put, were infifted upon.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council infift on their Amendments to the faid Bill, and defire them to recede from their Difagreement.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Beverley* that they had pafs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for eftablifhing a Town in* Augufta *County and allowing Fairs to be kept therein.* Which Bill was read the firft Time, and

Order'd

To be read a fecond Time.

Then the Council Adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning Ten o'Clock.

Monday April 24th

Prefent

J. *ROBINSON, T. Lee, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelfon* Efqrs, *W. Dawfon* D. D. & *T. Nelfon* Efqr

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Wafhington* that they had agreed to the Amendments made by their Honours to the Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the Parifh of* Truro *&c.*

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Braxton* that they had pafs'd a Bill intitled *An Act to reftrain the taking of exceffive Ufury.* Which Bill was read the firft Time, and

Order'd

To be read fecond Time.

Alfo that they had agreed to the Amendments made by their Honours to the Bill intitled *An Act for regulating Ordinaries and Reftraint of Tipling Houfes.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Waſhington* and others that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for erecting a Town at* Hunting *Creek Warehouſe in the County of* Fairfax.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council deſire a Conference with them at Ten o'Clock Tomorrow in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber on the Subject Matter of an Amendment propoſed by the Council to the Bill intitled *An Act directing the Manner of granting Probats of Wills and Adminiſtration of Inteſtates Eſtates* and have appointed three of their Members to manage the ſaid Conference with ſuch a Number of Burgeſſes as their Houſe ſhall think fit.

Then the Council Adjourn'd till nine o'Clock To-morrow.

Tueſday April 25th

Preſent

J. ROBINSON, T. Lee, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon Eſqrs, *W. Dawſon* D. D., *J. Lewis* and *T. Nelſon* Eſqrs

A Meſſage by Mr *Carter* from the Burgeſſes that they had agreed to the Conference deſir'd by their Honours and had appointed Six of their Members to Manage the ſaid Conference who will be ready at the Place appointed.

Order'd That *T. Lee, J. Blair,* & *W. Fairfax* Eſqrs be appointed Managers of the Conferrence. *T. Lee* Eſq; from the Conference with the Burgeſſes reported that they had met the Burgeſſes and gave them their Reaſons for inſiſting on the Amendment to the Bill directing the Manner of granting Probats of Wills &c and that the Burgeſſes anſwer'd, they would report the ſame to their Houſe.

The Bill intitled *An Act for erecting a Town at* Hunting Creek *Warehouſe in the County of* Fairfax was read the firſt Time, &

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Braxton* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act to prevent the building of Wooden Chimneys in the Town of* Walkerton *and alſo to prevent the Inhabitants thereof from raiſing and keeping Hogs*—Which Bill was read the firſt Time, and

Order'd

A ſecond Reading immediately—Read a ſecond Time, and

Order'd

A third Reading immediately—Read accordingly a third Time—

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intitled *An Act to reſtrain the taking of exceſſive Uſury* was Read a ſecond Time,

Order'd

A third Reading immediately—Read a third Time

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intitled *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town in* Auguſta *&c* was read a ſecond Time, and

Order'd

A third Reading immediately—Read a third Time.

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill be agreed to—

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid three Bills without any Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Braxton* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act concerning Juries.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fry* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for the better ſecuring the Payment of Levies and Reſtraint of Vagrants and for making Proviſion for the Poor.* Which Bills were read the firſt Time and Order'd a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Whiting* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for eſtabliſhing County Courts and for regulating & ſettling the Proceedings therein.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Corbin* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for the better Management and Security of Orphans and their Eſtates*—Which Bill was read the firſt Time, and

Order'd a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock Tomorrow.

Wedneſday April 26th

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, J. Cuſtis, T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon* Eſqrs, *W. Dawſon* D. D., *J. Lewis* and *T. Nelſon* Eſqrs

The Bill intitled *An Act declaring Slaves to be perſonal Eſtate &c* was read the Second Time, and on the Queſtion put that it be read a third Time *it paſs'd in the Affirmative.*

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time.

The Bill intitled *An Act for the Diſtribution of Inteſtates Eſtates* was read a ſecond Time, and

Order'd

A third Reading.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act directing the Method of Tryal of Criminals for Capital Offences and for other Purpoſes therein mention'd.*

The Act for eſtabliſhing County Courts &c was read the firſt Time, and

Order'd

To be read a ſecond Time

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock Tomorrow.

Thurſday April 27th

Preſent

J. *ROBINSON, T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelſon* Eſqrs, *W Dawſon* D: D:, *J. Lewis*, and *T. Nelſon* Eſqrs

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to join in the Addreſs to his Majeſty and Repreſentation to the Houſe of Commons with ſome Amendments to which they deſire their Concurrence

The Bill directing the Method of Tryal of Criminals &c was Read the firſt Time

Order'd a ſecond Reading immediately—Read accordingly a ſecond Time,

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be committed.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Burwell* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for the better Support of the College of* William & Mary

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* & others that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the County of* Henrico *into two diſtinct Counties.*

Then the Council adjourned till nine of the Clock Tomorrow

Friday April 28th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Act for dividing the County of Henrico *into two diſtinct Counties*, was read the firſt Time, and

Order'd A Second Reading.

The Act for eſtabliſhing County Courts, was read a ſecond Time, and

Order'd

Order'd To be read a third Time immediately—Read a third Time,

Refolv'd That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill without any Amendment.

The Act for the better Support of the College of William *and* Mary was read the firſt Time, and

Order'd

A ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they deſire a Conference on the Subject Matter of the laſt Conference.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council agree to the Conference deſir'd, and are now ready to meet the Conferees.

Thomas Lee Eſq; reported that they had met the Managers for the Burgeſſes who deliver'd him a Paper containing their Reaſons for inſiſting on their Diſagreement to the Councils Amendment to the Bill directing the Method of granting Probats of Wills &c together with the Bill.

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock Tomorrow

Saturday April 29th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Act for the better Management and Security of Orphans & their Eſtates, was Read the Second Time, and Order'd a third reading immediately—Read accordingly a third Time,

Refolv'd That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fry* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for the Support of the Clergy and for the regular collecting and paying the Pariſh Levies*—Which Bill was read the firſt Time, and Order'd a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Lomax* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act Concerning Seamen*—Which Bill was read the firſt Time, and Order'd To be read the ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Corbin* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Carter Burwell *is ſeiſed in Tail Male and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes*—Which Bill was read the firſt Time, and Order'd a ſecond Reading immediately—Read accordingly a ſecond Time, *Order'd* to be committed for the Allegations to be prov'd.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Madiſon* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for the more equal Payment of the Rewards for killing Wolves in the Counties of* Frederick *and* Auguſta—Which Bill was read the firſt Time, and on the Queſtion put that the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time, *it paſs'd in the Negative,*

Refolv'd

That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council adhere to the Amendment to the *Act directing the Manner of granting Probats of Wils &c* and deſire them to recede from their Diſagreement.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they inſiſt on their diſagreement to the Amendments made by their Honours to the *Act for the effectual Suppreſſion of Vice* and deſire their Honours will paſs the Bill without thoſe Amendments.

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till Ten o'Clock a *Monday.*

Monday

Monday May 1st

Prefent

J. ROBINSON, *T. Lee, J. Blair, W. Nelfon* Efqrs, *W. Dawfon* D. D., *J. Lewis, & T. Nelfon* Efqrs

The Act for dividing the County of Henrico *into two diftinct Counties*, was read a fecond Time, and Order'd a third Reading immediately—Read a third Time,

Refolv'd That the faid Bill be agreed to.

The Act Concerning Juries was Read a fecond Time, and Order'd a third Reading immediately—Read a third Time—

Refolv'd That the faid Bill be agreed to.

The Act for the better fecuring the Payment of Levies and Reftraint of Vagrants &c was read a fecond Time, and Order'd a third Reading immediately—Read a third Time

Refolv'd

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

The Act concerning Seamen was read a fecond Time, and fome Amendments being made at the Table, *Order'd* a third Reading immediately with the Amendments—Read accordingly—

Refolv'd That the faid Bill as amended be agreed to.

The Act directing the Method of Tryal of Criminals for Capital Offences &c was read a third Time with fome Amendments propofed at the Table and agreed to.

Refolv'd That the faid Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the three firft mentioned Bills without any Amendments, and to the two laft with Amendments to which they defire the Burgeffes Concurrence.

Then the Houfe Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Nine o'Clock.

Tuefday May 2d

Prefent

J. ROBINSON, *T. Lee, L. Burwell, W. Fairfax, J. Blair, W. Nelfon* Efqrs, *W. Dawfon* D. D., *J. Lewis, & T. Nelfon* Efqrs

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Ludwell* that they had pafs'd a Bill intitled *An Act directing the Trial of Slaves committing Capital Crimes and for the more effectual punifhing Confpiracies and Infurrections of them and for the better Government of Negroes Mulattos and Indians bond or free.*

A Meffage by Mr *Fry* from the Burgeffes that they had pafs'd *An Act for obliging the County of* Goochland *and Parifhes of* St James Northam *and* Southam *to repay the County of* Albemarle *and Parifh of* St Annes *a Sum of Money & Tobacco therein mentioned.*

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Braxton* that they had pafs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for infpecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine*, to which they defir'd the Concurrence of their Honours.

The Bill intitled *An Act for erecting a Town in the County of* Prince William, was read a third Time, and on the Queftion put that the faid Bill be agreed to, *it pafs'd in the Affirmative—*

Refolv'd That the faid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intitled *An Act for erecting a Town at* Hunting *Creek Warehoufe in the County of* Fairfax, was read a fecond Time, and

Order'd To be read a third Time immediately with fome Amendments made at the Table. Read a third Time with the Amendments—

Refolv'd That the faid Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the firft Bill without any Amendments and to the fecond with Amendments, to which they defire the Concurrence of the Burgeffes.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Lomax* that they had diſagreed to one of the Amendments made by their Honours to the Bill intitled *An Act Concerning Seamen*, and made Amendments on their other Amendments, and deſir'd their Honours would recede from the Amendment diſagreed to, and paſs the Bill with the Amendments as amended by them.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Corbin* that they had agreed to the Amendments made by their Honours to the Addreſs to his Majeſty, and the Repreſentation to the Houſe of Commons.

The Bill intitled *An Act declaring Slaves to be perſonal Eſtate &c* was read a third Time, and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Bill be agreed to *it paſs'd in the Affirmative*

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill be agreed to

The Bill intitled *An Act for the Diſtribution of Inteſtates Eſtates*, was read a third Time, and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Bill be agreed to *it paſs'd in the Affirmative*,

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid two Bills without any Amendments.

Before the Queſtion was put on the firſt mentioned Bill, *Thomas Lee* Eſq; deſired Leave to enter his Proteſt, if the Queſtion paſs'd in the Affirmative.

Diſſentient' Thomas Lee Eſq;

1st Becauſe the Bill now paſſed is to repeal two Laws of the greateſt Conſequence to the Country, the firſt in the 4th Year of Queen *Ann* cap. 23d intitled *An Act for the better Setling and Preſervation of Eſtates within this Dominion;* the other in the firſt Year of King *George* the firſt chap. 11th commonly called the *Explanatory Act*. the firſt of which Acts was made by our wiſe Anceſtors on a deliberate Conſideration of the Circumſtances of our Country, and after two and twenty Years Experience was found to anſwer the Purpoſes of the Makers and ſo declared in the Preamble to the *Explanatory Act* in 1727. in theſe Words, "Whereas the Act made hath been found by Experience very beneficial for the Preſervation and Improvement of the Eſtates in this Colony.

2dly Becauſe it does not appear to Me that any Experience ſince has contradicted what the Legiſlature in 1727. declared, there having been no Grievance preſented from the People to this Seſſion deſiring the Repeal of theſe Laws, which certainly would have been the Caſe if it had been true, ſince the People have a regular Method preſcribed by Law to make their Complaints known to the Legiſlature, and are apt enough to complain.

3dly Becauſe theſe Laws are now ſo well underſtood that few Controverſies can ariſe hereafter, and Negros, being the moſt valuable Part of our Property, without whom our Lands are of little Value, are by theſe Laws ſetled in the moſt advantageous Manner with Juſtice and Equity.

4thly Becauſe this Period of Time from 1705. to 1749. in which theſe Laws have been in Force and Uſe, the Country had increas'd in Riches and Strength much more than from its firſt Plantation to that Time, which if it does not prove the Goodneſs of theſe Laws beyond Contradiction, yet it certainly proves they were not bad, and the Preſumption is in their Favour, and ſtrongly ſo.

5thly Becauſe the Law that is now paſs'd will make the Land a Burden to the Heir, and inſtead of being able as the Head of the Family to pretect and help his younger Brethren, will be obliged to ſell his Patrimony to pay the younger Children the Value of the Negros, or to buy others to work the Remainder of his Lands.

6thly Becauſe as our Lands are of little Value without Negros, the Power of annexing and intailing them is the beſt Method that can be deviſed to keep Eſtates in Families, and the greateſt Incitement to Induſtry, agreeable to natural Affection, and on which the Proſperity of the Country very much depends.

Laſtly

Laſtly Becauſe it is not ſafe to alter a Conſtitution, by which our Properties will be fluctuating and unſtable as the Rivers of Waters, and therefore I conceive that the Law now paſs'd may be compared to the *Trojan* Horſe, and is big with the Ruin of my Country.

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Nine o'Clock

Wedneſday May 3d

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Diggs* that they had paſs'd *An Act for Limitation of Actions and avoiding of Suits*—Which Bill was read the firſt Time, and

Order'd To be read a Second Time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Waſhington* that they had agreed to their Honours Amendments to the *Act for erecting a Town at* Hunting *Creek Warehouſe in the County of* Fairfax.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Beverley* that they had paſs'd *An Act for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes for ſetling their Privileges and for aſcertaining their Allowances.*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time, and Order'd a Second Reading.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Braxton* that they had paſs'd *An Act for reducing the Laws now in Force for laying a Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers into One Act of Aſſembly.*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time and Order'd a ſecond Reading.

The Act for inſpecting Pork Beef Flour Tar Pitch and Turpentine was read the firſt Time, and

Order'd To be read a ſecond Time

The Act for obliging the County of Goochland *and Pariſhes of* St James Northam *and* Southam *&c*

Was read the firſt Time and Order'd a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Waller* that they had paſs'd *An Act Concerning the Publick Priſons and directing the Method of appointing the Keeper thereof.*

The Act directing the Trial of Slaves

Was read the firſt Time and Order'd a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Nine o'Clock.

Thurſday May 4th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Act Concerning publick Priſons and directing the Method of appointing the Keepers thereof was read the firſt Time and Order'd a ſecond Reading.

The Act for Limitation of Actions and avoiding of Suits was read the ſecond Time, and

Order'd To be read a third Time immediately—Read a third Time,

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Act for reducing the Laws now in Force for laying a Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers into One Act of Aſſembly was read a ſecond Time, and an Amendment being made at the Table,

Order'd To be read a third Time, with the Amendment, immediately—Read accordingly—

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill as amended be agreed to.

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The Act for the better Support of the College of William *and* Mary was read a ſecond Time, and an Amendment being propoſed and agreed to—

Order'd To be read a third Time immediately with the Amendments—Read accordingly—

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the firſt of the three laſt mentioned Bills without any Amendment and to the two laſt with an Amendment, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill intitled *An Act to dock the Intail of Two Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land in the Pariſh of* Weſtover *&c* was read a third Time, and on the Queſtion put that the ſaid Bill be agreed to *it paſs'd in the Negative.*

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they had paſs'd *An Act for the better Regulation of the Militia.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Whiting* that they had paſs'd *An Act for preventing Frauds in the Cuſtoms and in clearing of Ships for aſcertaining Collectors and Naval Officers Fees and to prohibit and prevent the caſting Ballaſt or dead Bodies into Rivers or Creeks.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Randolph* that they had paſs'd *An Act for licenſing Pedlars and preventing Frauds in the Duties upon Skins and Furrs.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Dangerfield* that they had paſs'd *An Act for annexing certain Lands to the Town of* Tappahanock *and veſting the ſame in the Feoffees of the ſaid Town and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

A Meſſage by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeſſes had receded from their Diſagreement to the Amendment of their Honours to the *Act directing the Manner of granting Probats of Wills and Adminiſtration of Inteſtates Eſtates.*

The Act for regulating the Elections of Burgeſſes &c was read a ſecond Time, and

Order'd To be committed.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they inſiſt on their Diſagreement to ſome of the Amendments made by their Honours to the *Act for the decent and uniform Celebration of divine Service, and inſiſt on their Amendments upon their Honours' other Amendments.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Waller* that they had paſs'd two Reſolves,

One, That the Sum of Twelve Hundred and Fifty Pounds Current Money be paid out of the public Money in the Hands of the Treaſurer to *William Parks* for printing and delivering One Thouſand Books of the Laws of *Virginia* on the ſame Sort of Letter and Paper as the laſt complete Collection of the Laws was printed on with the Arms of *Virginia* on each Book to be completely finiſhed by the Tenth Day of *June* in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty One And that the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds be advanced to the ſaid *William Parks* upon his giving ſuch Security to the Treaſurer as ſhall be by him approved of to refund the ſaid Sum in Caſe of his Death or Failure to perform the ſaid Service.

Another, That when the ſaid Books ſhall be printed One of them ſhall be delivered to the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Dominion for the Time being One to each of the Members of His Majeſty's Council One to each of the members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes One to the Clerk of the Council One to the Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes One to the Clerk of the Secretary's Office One to each of the Clerks of the County Courts and Courts of Huſtings and the reſt to be diſtributed among the Juſtices of the reſpective Counties not being Burgeſſes as aforeſaid as ſhall be by the Treaſurer of this Colony for the Time being directed.

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till Eight of Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Friday

Friday May 5th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

The Act for the better Regulation of the Militia was read the firft Time, and *Order'd* To be read a fecond Time.

The Act for preventing Frauds in the Cuftoms and in clearing of Ships &c was read the firft Time and Order'd a fecond Reading immediately Read a fecond Time, and

Order'd To be committed.

The Act for annexing certain Lands to the Town of Tappahannock *and vefting the fame in the Feoffees &c* was read the firft Time, and Order'd a fecond Reading immediately—

Read a fecond Time, and Order'd a third Reading immediately—Read a third Time,

Refolv'd That the faid Bill be agreed to.

The Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Carter Burwell *is feifed in Tail Male &c* was read a fecond Time, and the Allegations being prov'd to the Satisfaction of the Council,

Order'd To be read a third Time immediately—Read a third Time—

Refolv'd That the faid Bill be agreed to

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the two laft mentioned Bills without any Amendments.

The Act for licenfing Pedlars &c was read the firft Time, and Order'd a fecond Reading.

The Act for regulating the Elections of Burgeffes &c was read a third Time with Amendments,

Refolv'd That the faid Bill be agreed to with the Amendments.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill with Amendments and defire their Concurrence thereto.

The Council having confider'd the Amendments to the *Act Concerning Seamen*, receded from the Amendment difagreed to by the Burgeffes, and agreed to the Burgeffes Amendments on their Amendments.

The Amendments to the *Act for the effectual Suppreffion of Vice*, difagreed to by the Burgeffes being confider'd, the Council adhered to One, and receded from two.

The Amendments to the *Act for the decent and uniform Celebration of divine Service*, difagreed to by the Burgeffes being confider'd, the Council adhered to all the faid Amendments, and receded from their Difagreement to the Burgeffes Amendments on their Amendments.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes therewith.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Fry* that they difagreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the *Act for the better Support of the College of* William *and* Mary.

A Meffage by Mr *Diggs* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd *An Act for making Provifion againft Invafions and Infurrections.*

A Meffage by Mr *Bolling* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd *An Act for eftablifhing a Town near* Warwick *in the County of* Henrico.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Braxton* that they difagree to the Amendment made by their Honours to the *Act for reducing the Laws now in Force for laying a Duty upon Slaves.*

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Bland* that they had pafs'd *An Act for paying the Burgeffes in Money for this prefent Seffion of Affembly.*

Then the Houfe Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Eight o'Clock.

Saturday

Saturday May 6th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

The Act for Support of the Clergy &c was read a fecond Time, and fome Amendments being made at the Table and agreed to,

Order'd To be read immediately a third Time with the Amendments—Read accordingly a third Time,

Refolv'd That the faid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill with Amendments and defire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Jones* and others that they had pafs'd *An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of* Brunfwick Lunenburg, Frederick Albemarle *and* Augufta.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Whiting* that they had pafs'd *An Act for preventing Loffes from Drivers paffing with Horfes and Cattle through this Colony and for laying a Duty on Horfes imported and the more effectual preventing Horfe Stealing.* Which Bills were read the firft Time, and

Order'd To be read a fecond Time.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Bland* that they had pafs'd *An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies* Which Bill was read the firft Time, and

Order'd a fecond Reading immediately—Read accordingly a fecond Time,

Order'd That the faid Bill be committed.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Carter* and others that they have agreed to fome of the Amendments made by their Honours to the *Act for regulating the Election of Burgeffes &c* and difagreed to others, and defire their Honours to pafs the Bill with the Amendments agreed to.

The Council immediately took the faid Amendments under Confideration, and, the Queftion being put feverally on each, adhered to all of the faid Amendments.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Fry* that they had pafs'd *An Act for encouraging the making of Tar and Hemp.*

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Read* that they had pafs'd *An Act for diffolving the Veftry of the Parifh of* Cumberland *in the County of* Lunenburg *and electing a new Veftry in the faid Parifh.*

Then the Houfe Adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday May 8th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

The Act for eftablifhing a Town near Warwick *in the County of* Henrico was read the firft Time,

Order'd a fecond Reading.

The Act for making Provifion againft Invafions and Infurrections, was read the firft Time,

Order'd a fecond Reading

The Act for encouraging the making of Tar and Hemp was read the firft Time, and

Order'd a fecond Reading.

The Act for diffolving the Veftry of the Parifh of Cumberland *&c* Read firft Time, and

Order'd a fecond Reading.

The Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money &c was read the firft Time, and

Order'd a fecond Reading.

The Act for licenfing Pedlars and preventing Frauds in the Duties upon Skins and Furrs, was read a fecond Time, and fome Amendments being made at the Table, and agreed to,

Order'd

Order'd To be read a third Time with the Amendments, Read accordingly the third Time,

Refolv'd That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

The Act for preventing Frauds in the Cuſtoms and in clearing of Ships &c was read the third Time with Amendments,

Refolv'd That the ſaid Bill as amended be agreed to.

The Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies—was read the third Time with Amendments.

Refolv'd That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bills with Amendments and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Ludwell* that they had paſs'd *An Act for declaring who ſhall be qualify'd and intitled to vote for a Burgeſs for the Borough of* Norfolk *for ſetling the Bounds of the ſaid Borough and other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time and Order'd a ſecond Reading.

The Amendment to the *Act for reducing the Laws now in Force for laying a Duty upon Slaves &c* diſagreed to by the Burgeſſes, was conſider'd, and, on the Queſtion put, adhered to.

The Amendment to the *Act for the better Support of the College of* William *and* Mary, diſagreed to by the Burgeſſes, was conſider'd, and, on the Queſtion put, receded from.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council adhere to their Amendment to the firſt of the ſaid Bills, and recede from their Amendment to the laſt.

The Act concerning the public Priſons and directing the Method of appointing the Keepers thereof was read a ſecond Time, and

Order'd To be read a third Time immediately—Read a third Time,

Refolv'd That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of Brunſwick *&c* was read a ſecond Time, and ſome Amendments being made at the Table,

Order'd To be read a third Time with the Amendments. Read accordingly a third Time,

Refolv'd That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

The Act for preventing Loſſes from Drivers paſſing with Horſes &c was read a ſecond Time,

Order'd To be read a third Time immediately—Read a third Time.

Refolv'd That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the firſt and third of the ſaid three laſt mention'd Bills without any Amendments, and to the Second with Amendments to which they deſire the Concurrence of their Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Bland* that they had agreed to One of the Amendments of their Honours to the *Act for regulating the Practices of Attornies, and diſagreed to the reſt.*

Which Amendments being conſider'd, were on the Queſtion put ſeverally on each, receded from.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fry* that they diſagree to the Amendments made by their Honours to the *Act for licenſing Pedlars &c*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Whiting* that they diſagree to the Amendments of their Honours to the *Act for preventing Frauds in the Cuſtoms &c*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fry* that they agreed to One of their Honours Amendments to the *Act for the Support of the Clergy &c* and diſagree to the reſt, and deſire their Honours to paſs the Bill with the Amendment agreed to.

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A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Jones* that they agree to the Amendments made by their Honours to the *Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of* Brunſwick *&c*

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock Tomorrow.

Tueſday May 9th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Amendments to the *Act for preventing Frauds in the Cuſtoms &c* diſagreed to by the Burgeſſes, were conſider'd, and on the Queſtion put, inſiſted upon.

The Amendments to the *Act for the Support of the Clergy &c* were conſider'd, and on the Queſtion put Severally on each, one was inſiſted on, and the reſt receded from.

The Amendments to the *Act for licenſing Pedlars &c* were conſider'd, and on the Queſtion put, inſiſted upon.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith.

The Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, was read a ſecond Time, Order'd a third Reading immediately—Read a third Time,

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Act for eſtabliſhing a Town near Warwick *in the County of* Henrico, was read a ſecond Time, Order'd a third Reading immediately—Read a third Time,

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill be agreed to

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bills without any Amendments.

The Act directing the Trial of Slaves committing Capital Crimes &c was read a ſecond Time, and an Amendment being made at the Table,

Order'd To be read a third Time with the Amendment—Read accordingly—

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendment, be agreed to

The Act for encouraging the making of Tar and Hemp was read a ſecond Time,

Order'd a third Reading immediately—Read a third Time,

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill be agreed to

The Act for inſpecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine, was read a ſecond Time, Order'd a third Reading immediately—Read accordingly

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the firſt of the ſaid Bills with an Amendment, to which they deſire their Concurrence, and the two laſt without any Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Whiting* that they recede from their Diſagreement to two of the Amendments to the *Act for preventing Frauds in the Cuſtoms, and inſiſt on their Diſagreement to the other*—Which Amendment, on the Queſtion put, was receded from.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fry* that they recede from their Diſagreement to the Amendment to the *Act for the ſupport of the Clergy*.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fry* that they inſiſt on their Diſagreement to the Amendments to the *Act for licenſing Pedlars &c* which Amendments on the Queſtion put were adhered to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Whiting* that they had paſs'd *An Act for repealing ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned.*

The Act for obliging the County of Goochland *and Pariſhes of* St James Northam *and* Southam *&c* was read a ſecond Time, and

Order'd

Order'd To be read a third Time immediately—Read a third Time,

Resolv'd That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill without any Amendments.

The Act for the better Regulation of the Militia was read a second Time, and Amendments being made at the Table and agreed to,

Order'd That the said Bill be read a third Time with the Amendments—

Read accordingly a third Time.

Resolv'd That the said Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the first of the said Bills without any Amendments, and to the last with Amendments to which they desire their Concurrence.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Ludwell* that they disagree to the Amendment made by their Honours to the *Act directing the Trial of Slaves &c* which Amendment was on the Question put adhered to.

Order'd That the Clerk go down and acquaint the Burgesses therewith.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Carter* that they had pass'd a Resolve for paying the several Officers of the General Assembly. Which Resolve was read and agreed to with an Amendment.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve with an Amendment and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Carter* that they had agreed to some of the Amendments made by their Honours to the *Act for the better Regulation of the Militia* and disagreed to others, and desir'd they would pass the Bill with the Amendments agreed to.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Ludwell* that they had receded from their Disagreement to the Amendments to the *Act directing the Trial of Slaves committing Capital Crimes.*

The Act declaring who shall be qualify'd and intitled to vote for a Burgess for the Borough of Norfolk—was read a second Time, and

Order'd To be read a third Time immediately—Read a third Time, and the Question being put that the said Bill be agreed to, *it pass'd in the Negative.*

Resolv'd That the said Bill be rejected.

Then the Council Adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock Tomorrow.

Wednesday May 10th

Present

AS BEFORE

The following Submission of Mr *Parks*, for not having paid an immediate Obedience to their Honour's Order of the 27th of *March*, together with forty printed Copies of their Representation and Resolves, was receiv'd—"*To the Honble Council of* Virginia, *William Parks*, Printer, humbly begs Leave to lay before Your Honours the great Trouble and Affliction he lies under for having so inadvertently given Offence to your Honours by not printing your Honour's Order &c He is truly sensible of his Offence, and most heartily sorry for it, and humbly intreats Your Honour's Pardon. That he will for the future take Care to avoid the like or any other Offence to Your Honours; and always be ready to obey Your Honour's Commands for the future, to the utmost of his Power; and so behave himself towards Your Honours with that becoming Duty and Obedience, as may incite Your Honours not only to pardon him for what is past, but convince You that he is truly sollicitous of meriting Your Honour's future Favour and Encouragement—Which that he may so obtain, is, and shall

ſhall be, the indefatigable Study and Endeavour of, *May it pleaſe Your Honours,*

Your Honours

moſt dutiful and moſt

obedient Servant,

Wm Parks.

The Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of Cumberland *in the County of* Lunenburg *&c* was read a ſecond Time, Order'd a third Reading immediately—Read a third Time,

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Act for repealing ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned—was read the firſt Time, Order'd a ſecond Reading immediately—Read a ſecond Time, Ordered a third Reading immediately—Read a third Time,

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Reſolves for paying *William Parks*, Printer, 1,250. Pounds for printing a Thouſand Books of the Laws of *Virginia*, and diſtributing the ſame was read and agreed to with an Amendment.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bills without any Amendment, and to the ſaid Reſolve with an Amendment, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Amendments to the *Act for the better Regulation of the Militia*, diſagreed to by the Burgeſſes, were conſider'd, and on the Queſtion put ſeverally on each, adhered to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith, and deſire them to recede from their Diſagreement.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Bland* that they had paſs'd a Bill for ſetling the Current Rates of Gold and Silver Coin in this Dominion Which Bill was read the firſt Time, Order'd a ſecond Reading immediately—Read a ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion put that the ſaid Bill be read a third Time, *it paſs'd in the Negative.*

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Burwell* that they diſagree to the Amendments made by their Honours to the Reſolves for paying *Wm Parks* 1,250. £. &c which Amendment was on the Queſtion put adhered to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Braxton* that they had paſs'd *An Act for amending the Laws for laying a Duty on Slaves to be paid by the Buyers*—

Which Bill was read the firſt Time, and Order'd a ſecond Reading immediately—

Read a ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion put that it be read a third Time, *it paſs'd in the Negative.*

Reſolv'd

That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they diſagree to the Amendment to the Reſolve for paying the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly—

Which Amendment, on the Queſtion put, was adhered to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Whiting* that he was order'd to lay ſome of the inrolled Bills before the Council for their Inſpection—Which Bills were Thirty Five in Number.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council are ſatisfy'd the ſaid Bills are truly inrolled.

Preſent The Governor

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Governor commands their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber with ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent.

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The Burgeſſes accordingly attended, and the Governor gave his Aſſent to the following Bills—[For theſe acts, ſee J. of H. of B., pp. 400, 401.]

Then the Burgeſſes withdrew.

The Bill intitled *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly* was read a ſecond Time,

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time Tomorrow.

Then the Council Adjourn'd till Ten o'Clock Tomorrow.

Thurſday May 11th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* that they had paſs'd the Treaſurers Accounts.

Order'd That a Committee be appointed to examine the ſame, and that they be refer'd to *Wm Fairfax*, *Wm Nelſon*, and *John Lewis* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney* that they had paſs'd a Reſolve,

That *Peyton Randolph* Eſq; *Philip Ludwell*, *Beverley Whiting*, *Carter Burwell*, and *Benjamin Waller*, Gent. or any Three of them, be appointed to collect the Laws of *Virginia*, as they are now reviſed; and to agree with ſome Perſon to make a proper Index to them: And alſo to agree with *William Parks* for printing One Thouſand Books, in the ſame Letter, and on the ſame Sort of Paper as the laſt complete Collection of the Laws was printed, with the Arms of *Virginia* ſtamped on each Book, to be compleatly finiſhed by the 10th Day of *June*, in the Year 1751. and deliver One to the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Dominion for the Time being, one to each of the Members of his Majeſty's Council, and the preſent Houſe of Burgeſſes, one to the Clerk of the General Aſſembly, one to the Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, one to the Clerk of the Secretary's Office, and one to each County Court Clerk, and the reſt among the Juſtices of the reſpective County Courts, not being Burgeſſes, as the Treaſurer ſhall direct.

Which Reſolve was read and agreed to.

The Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money was read a third Time,

Reſolv'd That the ſaid Act be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Act and Reſolve

A written Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter* and many others,

Order'd That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council to acquaint them that the Houſe of Burgeſſes having Order'd *William Parks* the Printer of the *Virginia Gazette* to be taken into Cuſtody for printing and publiſhing in the ſaid Paper a malicious and ſcandalous Libel highly and injuriouſly reflecting on the Proceedings of the Houſe of Burgeſſes and that the ſaid Printer upon his Examination at the Bar declared that he printed and publiſhed the ſame by the expreſs Orders of the Council But as the ſaid Libel is wrote in ſuch abuſive and indecent Language and the Author thereof appear to be ſo little acquainted with, not to ſay wholly ignorant of Parliamentary Proceedings And as it is unparliamentary and beneath the Character aſſumed by the Council to have their Proceedings printed in a common News-paper, the Houſe of Burgeſſes are unwilling to give Credit to an Aſſertion that carries in it ſo groſs a Reflection on the Wiſdom and Honour of the Council, and therefore deſire they will inform them whether it was done by their Direction, that the Houſe of Burgeſſes may conſider in what manner they ſhall proceed againſt the Printer for his Offence.

William Randolph C. H. B.

The Council immediately took the ſaid written Meſſage from the Burgeſſes into Conſideration, and thereupon,

Order'd That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go and deliver to the Burgeſſes the following Meſſage, The Council do avow the Paper . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 404.]

William

William Fairfax Eſq; reported that they had examined the Treaſurer's Accounts and found them truly ſtated,

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have paſſed the ſaid Accounts.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Whiting* that they had order'd him to lay the inrolled Bills before their Honours for their Inſpection.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council are ſatisfy'd the Bills are truly inrolled.

Preſent The Governor

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber with ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent.

The Burgeſſes accordingly attending the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills—[For theſe acts, ſee J. of H. of B., pp. 404, 405.]

And then made the following Speech. [See J. of H. of B., pp. 406, 407.]

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

begun and held at the College in the City of *Williamsburg* the 27th Day of *February* 1752. in the 25th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second by the Grace of God of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c

[From a very early copy in the Virginia State Library.]

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Thurſday February 27th 1752.

Preſent

THE Honble *Robert Dinwiddie* Eſq^r His Majeſty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of *Virginia, William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelſon* Eſq^rs, *William Dawſon* D. D., *John Lewis, Thomas Nelſon, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph* & *Richard Corbin* Eſq^rs

William Fairfax Eſq^r inform'd the Governor that Eighty Four of the Members return'd Burgeſſes were ſworn and met in their Houſe.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeſſes accordingly attending, his Honour expreſs'd himſelf as follows,

Gentlemen,

I am pleaſed to ſee ſo good an Appearance, I deſire you to return to your Houſe, and make Choice of a Speaker.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter*, and Mr *Carter Burwell* that the Burgeſſes had made Choice of a Speaker and deſired to know when and where they ſhall attend to preſent him.

The Governor ſaid he would ſend them an Anſwer immediately.

Order'd

That the Clerk go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber to preſent their Speaker.

The Burgeſſes attending preſented *John Robinſon* Eſq^r as their Speaker, who being approved of by the Governor made the uſual Petition for Security of their Perſons and Eſtates from Arreſts & Proſecutions, for Freedom of Speech in their Houſe, a Power over their own Members, and laſtly that none of his Failings or Miſtakes might be imputed to the Houſe.

All which Priviledges the Governor was pleaſed to confirm, and then made the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

His Majeſty having been graciouſly pleaſed . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1752-58, p. 4.]

The Governor abſent—

Reſolved

That an humble Addreſs be prepared to return the hearty Thanks of this Houſe to the Governor for his affectionate Speech; to congratulate him upon his ſafe Arrival to this Colony; and to aſſure him that this Houſe will pay a due Regard to every Particular

ticular he has been pleas'd to recomend to their Consideration; and concur with him in all Measures for promoting his Majesty's Service and the Good of the Country.

And it was refer'd to *John Blair*, *William Nelson*, and *Richard Corbin* Esqrs to prepare the same.

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Friday February 28th

Present

AS BEFORE

John Blair Esqr from the Committee appointed to draw an Address to the Governor reported that they had prepared the same accordingly.

The Address being read, and, with an Amendment made at the Table, agreed to,

Order'd

That the said Address be fairly transcribed.

Order'd

That the Committee who prepared the Address, wait on the Governor to know when he will be attended with the said Address.

Three more Gentlemen elected to serve as Burgesses in this Assembly were this Day sworn.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock.

Saturday Feby 29th

Present

AS BEFORE

John Blair Esqr from the Committee appointed to wait on the Governor, reported that they had accordingly waited on his Honour, who was pleased to say he would be in the Council Chamber this Day at Eleven o'Clock to receive the Address of this House.

Present The Governor

William Fairfax Esqr in behalf of the Council presented the Address to the Governor as follows,

Sir,

We his Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects the Council of *Virginia* now met in General Assembly, beg Leave to congratulate your Honour's safe Arrival to the Government of this Colony, and to give you our hearty and unfeigned Thanks for your affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Session.

There are many and great Advantages derived to Us from his Majesty's Reign, in common with the Rest of his Subjects; but the Appointment of You, *Sir*, to preside over Us (who formerly lived among Us, and are well acquainted with the Laws, and Constitution of our Country) is a Circumstance, that, in a more particular Manner, demands our Acknowledgments.

To preserve the Order of Society, to protect the Innocent, and administer Justice impartially; to be circumspect, and watchful, that all the subordinate Officers of Government, act in their several Stations, with a commendable Fidelity, are the Characteristics, the genuine Marks of a good Ruler. To be animated by these Motives, ever studious in the Pursuit of these Principles; careful, and diligent in the Discharge of every Duty, are Blessings which will be continued to Us, by your Prudence, and Conduct. The present Generation will more immediately feel the Effects of your Administration; but the beneficial Consequences of it, will be transmitted to Generations that are yet unborn.

We are truly sensible of the Benefits that must arise to the *British* Interest, by cultivating a Friendship with the Indian Nations; the Importance of it, is well known, and cannot fail to claim our Attention, and to merit our Regard.

Influenced

Influenced therefore by every Motive, which, Duty to our Country can ſuggeſt, or Gratitude inforce, We ſhall conſtantly endeavour to contribute every Thing on our Part; the whole Tenor of our Conduct ſhall evidence the Sincerity of our Zeal, to promote the Glory of God, the Honour of the Crown, and the Welfare of the People; thereby to render your Adminiſtration, eaſy to your Perſon, and honourable to your Character.

To which Addreſs the Governor was pleaſed to return the following Anſwer,

Gentlemen of the Council,

I moſt ſincerely thank You for your kind & affectionate Addreſs. In the Diſcharge of the many Requiſites of my Adminiſtration, it gives Me an inward Pleaſure, that I have Gentlemen of your good Senſe, Capacity, and Probity, to conſult, and adviſe with.

And next to the promoting of Piety, and Loyalty to his Majeſty, it ſhall be my conſtant Endeavour to cultivate, and maintain a ſtrict Friendſhip with You Gentlemen of the Council.

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday March 2d

Preſent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair Eſqrs, *William Dawſon* D. D., *Peter Randolph & Richard Corbin* Eſqrs

Preſent The Governor

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Governor is now ready in the Council Chamber to receive their Addreſs.

The Burgeſſes accordingly attending the Speaker deliver'd their Addreſs as follows *viz:*

Sir,

We his Majeſty's moſt dutiful . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1752-58, p. 8.]

To which the Governor was pleaſed to return the following Anſwer,

Mr Speaker, *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

I ſincerely thank You for this your agreeable Addreſs; for the Satisfaction You expreſs on my being appointed your Governor; and for your kind Congratulations on my Arrival here with my Family. I ſhall always retain a juſt Remembrance of the kind Reception, I have met with from You. And in the Diſcharge of the Duties of my Adminiſtration, I hope fully to convince You of the Sincerity of my Heart, to do every Thing, in my Power, for the Intereſt, and Service of this Colony.

And I doubt not the good Underſtanding ſo affectionately begun, will be of a long Duration.

Then the Burgeſſes withdrew.

Abſent The Governor

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday March 3d 1752.

Preſent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelſon Eſqrs, *William Dawſon* D. D., *Thomas Nelſon, Peter Randolph & Richard Corbin* Eſqrs

The Council having no Buſineſs before them

Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 11. o'Clock—

Wedneſday

Wednesday March 4th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair* Esqrs, *William Dawson* D. D., *John Lewis*, *Peter Randolph* & *Richard Corbin* Esqrs

Met and Adjourn'd till 11. o'Clock Tomorrow.

Thursday March 5th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair*, *William Nelson* Esqrs, *William Dawson* D. D., *John Lewis*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Peter Randolph* & *Richard Corbin* Esqrs

Two Petitions from *Surry* relating to a Division of that County; also a Petition from *Culpeper* for allowing Liberty to all Persons in that County to retail Liquors of their own making and distilling, without License were read, and

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go to the House of Burgesses, and acquaint them that the Council refer the Consideration of the said Petitions to them.

One of the absent Members of the House of Burgesses was this Day sworn.

Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11. o'Clock.

Friday March 6th

Present

AS BEFORE

Met and Adjourn'd till To-morrow 11. o'Clock.

Saturday March 7th

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Bland* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the County of* Prince George, which Bill was read the first Time,

Order'd That the said Bill be read a second Time, and that notice be given to the Burgesses of that County to attend this House on *Monday* Morning—

Adjourn'd till 11. o'Clock on *Monday*.

Monday March 9th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair*, *William Nelson* Esqrs, *William Dawson* D. D., *Thomas Nelson*, *Philip Grymes*, *Peter Randolph* & *Richard Corbin* Esqrs

The Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the County of* Prince George, after hearing the Burgesses of that County upon it, and the Council being satisfy'd that the Division of the said County was generally desir'd by the Inhabitants thereof, was read a 2d Time—

Order'd

That the said Bill be read a 3d Time immediately,

Read

Read a 3d Time accordingly

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go and acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill without any Amendment.

Then the House Adjourn'd till 11—o'Clock Tomorrow.

Tuesday March 10th

Present

AS BEFORE

Met and Adjourn'd till 11. o'Clock To-morrow.

Wednesday March 11th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson Esqrs, *William Dawson* D. D., *John Lewis, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph & Richard Corbin* Esqrs

Met and Adjourn'd till 11—Tomorrow.

Thursday March 12th

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had passed a Bill intitled *An Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Alexandria, which Bill was read the first Time,

Order'd To be read a second Time.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *William Randolph* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *An Act for appointing Trustees for the Towns of* Richmond *and* Falmouth, which Bill was read the first Time,

Order'd

To be read a second Time immediately, Read accordingly a second Time,

Order'd a third Reading immediately, Read a third Time,

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go to the House of Burgesses and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the said Bill without any Amendment.

Then the House Adjourn'd till 11—o'Clock To-Morrow.

Friday March 13th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, Esqrs, *William Dawson* D. D., *John Lewis, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph & Richard Corbin* Esqrs

The Bill intitled *An Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Alexandria, was read a second Time,

Order'd That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately,

Read accordingly a third Time,

Resolved

Refolved That the faid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill without any Amendment.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Benjamin Waller* that they had pafs'd a Refolve that the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds *per Annum* be allow'd to *William Hunter* Printer from the laft Day of *December* 1751. to the next Seffion of Affembly for his Salary as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Infpectors Notes and Books Receipts for the Duty of Slaves printing Proclamations and other Acts of Government and all other public Services.

Which Refolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Refolve.

Then the Houfe Adjourn'd till 11-o'Clock To-Morrow.

Saturday March 14th

Prefent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelfon Efqrs, *William Dawfon* D. D., *John Lewis, Thomas Nelfon, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph & Richard Corbin* Efqrs

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Benjamin Waller* that they had pafs'd a Bill intitled *An Act to dock the Entail of certain Lands whereof* David Garland *is feifed and for fettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the fame Ufes.*

Which Bill was read a firft Time,

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a fecond Time, and that the Parties attend for Proof of the Allegations

The faid Bill, the Parties attending, was read a fecond Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council,

Order'd To be read a third Time immediately,

Read accordingly a third Time,

Refolved

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

Another Member of the Houfe of Burgeffes was this Day fworn.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Pendleton* that they had paffed a Bill intitled *An Act to veft certain entailed Lands therein mention'd in* Reuben Skelton *Gent. in Fee fimple and for fettling other Lands of greater Value to the fame Ufes.*

Which Bill was read the firft Time,

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a fecond Time, and that the Parties attend for Proof of the Allegations.

The faid Bill, the Parties attending, was read a fecond Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council,

Order'd To be read a third Time immediately,

Read a third Time,

Refolved That the faid Bill be agreed to

Order'd That the Clerk go down to the Houfe of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the faid two Bills without any Amendments.

Then the Houfe Adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning 11-o'Clock.

Monday March 16th

Prefent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelfon Efqrs, *William Dawfon* D. D., *Thomas Nelfon, Philip Grymes & Richard Corbin* Efqs

Met and Adjourn'd till 11-o'Clock Tomorrow.

Tuefday

Tuesday March 17th

Present

AS BEFORE

Several Petitions for a legal Union of the Parishes of *Christ Church* and *White Chapel* in *Lancaster*, were read, and refer'd to the Burgesses.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council recommend the said Petitions to their Consideration.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Pendleton* that they had passed a Bill intitled *An Act for continuing the Act intitled* An Act for reviving & amending the Acts for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Towns of *Frederickfburg* & *Richmond*, which Bill was read the first Time,

Order'd That the said Bill be read a second Time.

Then the House Adjourn'd till 11-o'Clock Tomorrow.

Wednesday March 18th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair*, *William Nelson* Esqrs, *William Dawson* D. D., *John Lewis*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Philip Grymes* & *Richard Corbin* Esqs

The Bill intitled *An Act for continuing the Act intitled* An Act for reviving and amending the Acts for allowing Fairs to be kept in the towns of *Fredericksburg* and *Richmond*, was read a second Time,

Order'd That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately,

Read a third Time,

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill without any Amendment.

Then the House Adjourn'd till 11-o'Clock Tomorrow.

Thursday March 19th

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Landon Carter* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *An Act for lessening the Number of Dogs kept by Overseers Servants and Slaves in the Counties of* Richmond, King George, Westmoreland, Lancaster, *and* Northumberland, to which they desired their Honour's Concurrence—

Which Bill was read a first Time,

Order'd That the said Bill be read a second Time.

Adjourn'd till 11-o'Clock Tomorrow.

Friday March 20th

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Lomax* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *An Act for continuing a Clause of An Act of Assembly therein mentioned.* Which Bill was read a first Time—

Order'd That the said Bill be read a second Time.

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A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fairfax* that they had paſs'd a Bill intitled *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Wincheſter *and appointing Fairs therein*, to which they deſired their Honour's Concurrence—

Which Bill was read a firſt Time,

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill intitled *An Act for leſſening the Number of Dogs &c* Was read a ſecond Time—And the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Bill be read a third Time, *it paſs'd in the Negative*—

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

The Bill intitled *An Act for continuing a Clauſe of An Act of Aſſembly therein mentioned*—Was read a Second Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time immediately

Read accordingly a third Time—

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intitled *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Wincheſter *&c* was read a ſecond Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time immediately—

Read a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid two laſt mentioned Bills without any Amendment—

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till 11—o'Clock To-morrow.

Saturday March 21ſt

Preſent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelſon Eſqs, *William Dawſon* D. D., *John Lewis, Thomas Nelſon, Philip Grymes & Richard Corbin* Eſqs

William Nelſon Eſqr brought in a Bill intitled *An Act to render the Laws more effectual for preventing the Stealing of Sheep*

Which Bill was read a firſt Time,

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Lomax* and others that they had paſſed a Bill intitled *An Act for erecting a Light Houſe at Cape* Henry

Which Bill was read a firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time—

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning 11-o'Clock—

Monday March 23d

Preſent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelſon Eſqs, *William Dawſon* D. D., *Thomas Nelſon, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin & Philip Ludwell* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Riddick* that they had paſſed a Bill intitled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Arthur Smith *is ſeiſed and to ſettle a Water Mill with other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.* Which Bill was read a firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time, and that Parties have Notice to attend Tomorrow for Proof of the Allegations.

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The Bill intitled *An Act for erecting a Light House at Cape* Henry, was read a second Time—

Order'd That the said Bill be committed for Amendments—

The Bill intitled *An Act to render the Laws more effectual for preventing the Stealing of Sheep*, was read a second Time,

Order'd That the said Bill be engross'd and read a third Time—

Then the House Adjourn'd till 11-o'Clock Tomorrow.

Tuesday March 24th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson Esq^s, *William Dawson* D. D., *John Lewis, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin & Philip Ludwell* Esq^s

The Bill intitled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Arthur Smith *is seised &c* the Parties attending, was read a second Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council—

Order'd That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately—

Read accordingly a third Time—

Resolved That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill without any Amendment.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had passed a Resolve that the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds be paid to *Richard Bryan* as a Reward for discovering his Medicine for curing the Dry Gripes upon his producing, a satisfactory Certificate to the next Session of Assembly from under the Hands of Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Fry*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Conway*, Mr *Walker*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Eyre* Mr *Read*, and Mr *Carter Burwell*, or the major Part of them who are by this House appointed to make an Experiment of the Efficacy of the Medicine that shall be by the said *Richard Bryan* to them communicated of their Approbation thereof.

Also that they had passed a Bill intitled *An Act to oblige the Owners of Convict Servants transported to this Colony to pay Part of the charges of their Prosecution*—Which Bill was read the first Time, and the Question being put that it be read a second Time, *it pass'd in the Negative*—

Resolved That the said Bill be rejected.

The Resolve of the Burgesses for paying 250 £. to *Richard Bryan* &c was read and agreed to—

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Bland* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *An Act for building a Bridge over* Appomattox *River by Subscription*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council—

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Robert Burwell* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *An Act for building a Bridge over* Pagan *Creek and for appointing several New Ferries*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council—

The Bill for building a Bridge over *Appomattox* River by Subscription was read the first Time,

Order'd That the said Bill be read a second Time immediately—

Read a second Time—

Order'd a third Reading immediately—Read a third Time—

Resolved That the said Bill be agreed to—

The Bill for building a Bridge over *Pagan* Creek &c was read the first Time—

Order'd to be read a second Time immediately—

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The Bill was accordingly read a ſecond time—

Order'd That it be read a third Time immediately—Read a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the two ſaid Bills without any Amendments—

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till 11-o'Clock To-morrow.

Wedneſday March 25th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Robert Jones* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of* Surry *and annexing Part of the Pariſh of* Albemarle *to the Pariſh of* Southwark, to which they deſired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time immediately,

Read accordingly a ſecond Time.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be committed for Amendments.

The Bill intituled *An Act for erecting a Light-Houſe at Cape* Henry was read a third Time with Amendments—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill with ſome Amendments, and deſire their Concurrence

Adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock Tomorrow.

Thurſday March 26th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *William Randolph* and Mr *Fairfax* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for clearing* Appamattox *and* Pamunkey *Rivers*—Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time immediately—

Read accordingly a ſecond Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be committed for Amendments—

The Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the County of* Surry *&c* was read a third Time with Amendments—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill with Amendments and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for continuing and amending the Act intituled* An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.

Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time—

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Robert Jones* that they diſagreed to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of* Surry *&c* and deſired they would paſs it without any Amendment.

The Council having taken the ſame into Conſideration—

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council inſiſt upon their Amendments and deſire they will recede from their Diſagreement, and paſs the Bill with the Amendments.

Adjourn'd till *Monday* 11-o'Clock.

Monday

Monday March 30th

Prefent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelfon* Efq^s, *William Dawfon* D. D., *Thomas Nelfon, Peter Randolph & Philip Ludwell* Efq^s

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Robert Jones* that they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act to confirm and eftablifh an Agreement made between* John New *and* Benjamin Harrifon *Gent. for the Settlement of their refpective Rights to certain Lands and for other Purpofes therein mentioned*—

Which Bill was read the firft Time—

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a fecond Time, and that Parties have notice to attend for Proof of the Allegations.

The Bill intituled *An Act for clearing* Appomattox *and* Pamunkey *Rivers*, was read a third Time with Amendments—

Refolved That the faid Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill with Amendments and defire their Concurrence thereto

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Robert Jones* that they infift on their Difagreement to the Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of* Surry *&c*

The Council immediately took the Amendments into Confideration, and on the Queftion put that they adhere to the faid Amendments—*it paffed in the Affirmative*—

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council adhere to their Amendments to the faid Bill, and defire they will recede from their Difagreement, and pafs the Bill with the Amendments.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Vaulx* that they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Veftry of the Parifh of* Wafhington *in the County of* Weftmoreland *to fell a Tract of Land therein mentioned and to apply the Money arifing by fuch Sale towards purchafing other Land for a Glebe.* Which Bill was read the firft Time—

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a fecond Time immediately—

Read accordingly a fecond Time—And two Amendments being made at the Table—

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a third Time with the Amendments—

The faid Bill was accordingly read a third Time with the Amendments—

Refolved That the faid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill with Amendments and defire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Benjamin Waller* that they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing an Act intituled* An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees and other Purpofes therein mentioned, to which they defired the Concurrence of this Houfe—

Which Bill was read the firft Time—

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a fecond Time immediately—

Read accordingly a fecond Time—

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a third Time immediately—

Read accordingly a third Time—

Refolved That the faid Bill be agreed to.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Fry* that they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act for eftablifhing a Town at* Weftham *in the County of* Henrico—to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council—

Which Bill was read the firft Time—

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a fecond Time immediately—

Read accordingly a fecond Time—

Order'd That the faid Bill be immediately read a third Time—

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The ſaid Bill was accordingly read a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk carry the two laſt mention'd Bills to the Burgeſſes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the ſame without any Amendment.

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till 11-o'Clock To-morrow.

Tueſday March 31ſt

Preſent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelſon* Eſq^re, *William Dawſon* D. D., *John Lewis, Thomas Nelſon, Philip Grymes* & *Peter Randolph* Eſq^re

The Bill intituled *An Act to confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement made between* John New *and* Benjamin Harriſon *Gent &c* the Parties attending, was read a ſecond Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and an Amendment made at the Table—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendment, be read a third Time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Francis Smith* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Southfarnham *in the County of* Eſſex *to ſell the Glebe Land in the ſaid Pariſh and to lay out and apply the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale towards purchaſing a more convenient Glebe and erecting Houſes thereon and for altering the Day for holding Courts in the ſaid County*—

Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time immediately—

Read a ſecond Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time immediately—

The ſaid Bill was accordingly read a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill without any Amendment.

Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 11 o'Clock—

Wedneſday April 1ſt

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Conway* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for uniting the Pariſhes of* Chriſt Church *and* White Chapel *in the County of* Lancaſter

Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney* that they had agreed to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for clearing* Appomattox *and* Pamunkey *Rivers* with ſome Amendments to their Amendments to which they deſired the Concurrence of the Council.

The Council took the ſaid Amendments into Conſideration, and on the Queſtion put that the ſ^d Amendments be agreed to, *it paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments made by the Burgeſſes to their Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go down with the ſaid Bill to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them therewith.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Benjamin Waller* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act to veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in* Henry Waſhington *Gent. in Fee Simple*—

Which

Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time, and that Parties have Notice to attend for Proof of the Allegations.

The Bill intituled *An Act to confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement made between* John New *and* Benjamin Harriſon *Gent &c* was read the third Time with the Amendment—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill with the Amendment be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill with an Amendment and deſire their Concurrence—

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for allowing a free Ferry to be kept at* Port Royal—Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time immediately—

The ſaid Bill was accordingly read a ſecond Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time immediately—

Read accordingly a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for continuing and amending the Act intituled* An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco Was read a third Time with Amendments—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go with the ſaid Bills to the Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the firſt without any Amendment, and to the laſt with Amendments, to which they deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Robert Jones* that they had agreed to the Amendment propoſed by this Houſe to the Bill intituled *An Act to confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement made between* John New *and* Benjamin Harriſon *Gent &c*

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till 11. o'Clock To-morrow

Thurſday April 2d

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Lomax* that they had agreed to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for erecting a Light-Houſe at Cape* Henry.

William Nelſon Eſqr brought in a Bill intituled *An Act to veſt the Power of granting Licenſes to Ordinary Keepers within the City of* Williamſburg *and two Miles thereof in the Viſitors and Governors of the College of* William *and* Mary *and to prevent the unlawful playing of Interludes within the ſame*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time—

Adjourn'd till 11-o'Clock Tomorrow.

Friday April 3d

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Whiting* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for reviving and amending the Act intituled* An Act for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels. Which Bill was read the firſt Time, and on the Queſtion put that it be read a ſecond Time, *it paſſed in the Negative.*

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Moore* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act intituled* An Act for clearing Rivers and Creeks—Which Bill was read the firſt Time.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act to diſcharge ſuch Perſons as ſhall purchaſe certain Lots in the Town of* Alexandria *from the Condition of building thereon and to veſt certain Lands therein mentioned in the Truſtees of the ſaid Town for the Uſe of the Inhabitants thereof.*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Walker* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for encouraging Perſons to ſettle on the Waters of* Miſſiſſippi. Which Bill was read the firſt Time.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill intituled *An Act to veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in* Henry Waſhington *Gent in Fee Simple*, the Parties attending, was read a ſecond Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council,

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time. Read a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act to diſcharge ſuch Perſons as ſhall purchaſe certain Lots in the Town of* Alexandria *from the Condition of building thereon &c* Was read a ſecond Time–

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid two Bills without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had agreed to ſome of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for continuing and amending the Act intituled* An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, diſagreed to One, and made Amendments to their Amendments, and deſired the Council would agree to their Amendments, and recede from their Amendment diſagreed to by the Burgeſſes.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Gabriel Jones* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for enlarging the Fees for granting Licenſes to Pedlars.*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill intituled *An Act for uniting the Pariſhes of* Chriſt Church *and* White Chapel *in the County of* Lancaſter—Was read a ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion put that it be read a third Time, *it paſſed in the Negative*—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Wood Jones* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Nottoway *in the County of* Amelia *and electing a new Veſtry in the ſaid Pariſh.*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time,

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time, and that the Burgeſſes of *Amelia* be deſired to attend Tomorrow to prove the Allegations.

The Bill intituled *An Act to veſt the Power of granting Licenſes to Ordinary Keepers within the City of* Williamſburg *and two Miles thereof in the Viſitors and Governors of the College of* William *and* Mary *&c* Was read a ſecond Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be engroſs'd and read a third Time.

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till Ten o'Clock Tomorrow.

Saturday April 4th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Bill intituled *An Act for enlarging the Fees for granting Licences to Pedlars*, was read a ſecond Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time immediately—Read a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

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The Bill intituled *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Nottoway *in the County of* Amelia *&c* the Members for the ſaid County attending, was read a ſecond Time, and the Council being ſatisfy'd of the Truth of the Allegations,

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time. Read a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to—

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid two Bills without any Amendment.

An ingroſſed Bill intituled *An Act to veſt the Power of granting Licences to Ordinary Keepers within the City of* Williamſburg *and two Miles thereof in the Viſitors and Governors of the College of* William *and* Mary *&c*

Was read a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that this Houſe has paſſed the ſaid Bill and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Houſe took into Conſideration their Amendments to the Bill intituled *An Act for continuing and amending the Act intituled* An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and the Amendments propoſed by the Burgeſſes to their Amendments, and on the Queſtion put ſeverally on each.

Reſolved That the Council agree to two of the Amendments made by the Burgeſſes, diſagree to another, & inſiſt on their Amendment diſagreed to—

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith, and deſire they will recede from their Diſagreement, and paſs the Bill with the Amendments agreed to.

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till *Monday* 11-o'Clock.

Monday April 6th

Preſent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelſon Eſqrs, *Willian Dawſon* D. D., *Thomas Nelſon, Philip Grymes & Peter Randolph* Eſqs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries and diſcontinuing certain others*, to which they deſired the Concurrence of this Houſe—

Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fry* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Premium allowed to the Makers of Hemp in the Counties where the ſame is made.*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter Burwell* and many others that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for preſerving the Breed of Sheep.*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time—

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Fairfax* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of* Frederick *Pariſh in* Frederick *County*—

Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time.

The Bill intituled *An Act for preſerving the Breed of Sheep*—Was read a ſecond Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly a third Time.

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Premium allowed to the Makers of Hemp in the Counties where the ſame is made*—Was read a ſecond Time—

Order'd

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time immediately—

Read accordingly a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries and diſcontinuing certain others*—Was read a ſecond Time—

And an Amendment being made at the Table—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time immediately with the Amendment—

The ſaid Bill was read accordingly a third Time with the Amendment—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill with the Amendment be Agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go to the Burgeſſes with the three laſt mentioned Bills and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the two firſt without any Amendment, and to the laſt with an Amendment, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Riddick* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Veſtry of the upper Pariſh in* Nanſemond *County to ſell certain Lands and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act intituled* An Act for clearing Rivers and Creeks—Was read a ſecond Time, and ſome Amendments being made at the Table, and agreed to.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be read a third Time.

Read accordingly a third Time with the Amendments.

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill as amended be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for encouraging Perſons to ſettle on the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi Was read a ſecond Time, and ſome Amendments being propoſed, and made at the Table, and agreed to—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be read a third Time.

Read accordingly a third Time with the Amendments—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go to the Burgeſſes with the ſaid two Bills and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the ſame with Amendments, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill intituled *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of* Frederick *Pariſh in* Frederick *County* Was read a ſecond Time.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be committed for Amendments.

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till 10. o'Clock To-morrow.

Tueſday April 7th

Preſent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelſon Eſq^{r}, *William Dawſon* D. D., *John Lewis, Thomas Nelſon, Philip Grymes* & *Peter Randolph* Eſq^{r}

The Bill intituled *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of* Frederick *Pariſh in* Frederick *County*—Was read a third Time with Amendments.

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to

The Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Veſtry of the upper Pariſh in* Nanſemond *County to ſell certain Lands and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned* Was read a ſecond Time.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time immediately

Read accordingly a third Time.

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the firſt of the ſaid Bills with Amendments and deſire their Concurrence, and agree to the other without any Amendment.

Then the Houſe Adjourned till 10. o'Clock Tomorrow.

Wedneſday

Wednesday April 8th

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Fry* that they had passed the Book of Claims, to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

Wednesday, April 8th 1752.

Present

THE Honble *Robert Dinwiddie* Esqr his Majestys Lieut. Governor & Commander in Chief of *Virginia*, *William Fairfax*, *John Blair*, *Willian Nelson* Esqs, *William Dawson* D. D., *John Lewis*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Philip Grymes* & *Peter Randolph* Esqrs

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgesses accordingly attending,

The Governor was pleased to acquaint them that he had received his Majesty's Order in Council confirming Fifty Seven Acts of Assembly past last Session, and repealing Ten, which he thought proper to lay before them for their Consideration, as he judged there were several of the Laws repealed which were of great Utility, and recommended it to them to appoint a Committee of their House to join with a Committee of this to determine what was necessary to be done, and to draw up Reasons for passing those Acts to be presented to his Majesty.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Charles Carter* that they desire a Conference with this House on the Subject Matter of the Papers deliver'd to them by the Governor and have appointed Six of their Members to manage the said Conference with such a Number of this House as they shall think proper to appoint.

Resolved That the said Conference be agreed to.

Order'd That *John Blair*, *William Nelson*, and *Thomas Nelson* Esqrs be appointed Managers of the said Conference

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the Conference desired by them, and have appointed Three of their Members to meet the Managers for the Burgesses immediately in the Conference Chamber.

The Managers accordingly withdrew to meet the Managers appointed by the Burgesses, and being returned, *John Blair* Esqr reported that they had met the Managers for the Burgesses who acquainted them that their House proposed there should be a Committee of both Houses to consider as well the Laws confirm'd by his Majesty, as those repealed, and also what steps are necessary to be taken thereupon.

Resolved That this House agree to the Proposal made by the House of Burgesses, and that the Members appointed Managers of the Conference be of the Committee.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council desire an immediate Conference on the Subject Matter of the last Conference.

The Managers retired, and being return'd, *John Blair* Esqr reported that they had met the Managers for the Burgesses, and acquainted them that the Council agreed to a joint Committee of both Houses.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had appointed a Committee to join a Committee of this House who are impower'd to meet and adjourn from Time to Time till the Conference shall be concluded on the Subject of his Majesty's Orders.

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Thursday

Thurſday April 9th

Preſent

AS BEFORE & *Philip Ludwell* Eſqr

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Lomax* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers for the Term therein mentioned*—

Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

John Blair Eſqr reported that the Committee appointed by this Houſe in Conjunction with the Committee appointed by the Houſe of Burgeſſes to conſider what is neceſſary to be done on the Order of his Majeſty in Council recommended yeſterday by the Governor to both Houſes had accordingly met the Committee appointed by the Burgeſſes and conſider'd the Subject Matter of the ſaid Order and come to ſeveral Reſolution[s] thereupon which were read and agreed to, and are as follow,

Reſolved That the Proceedings and Proceſs of the General Court ſince the making of an Act intituled *An Act for eſtabliſhing the General Court and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein* which hath been repealed by Proclamation ought to be declared good and valid.

Reſolved That a Repreſentation be made to his Majeſty ſetting forth the unhappy Circumſtances of this Colony occaſioned by the Proclamation for repealing ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned and humbly to lay before him the Inconveniences and Hardſhips we may ſuffer by Reaſon of his Majeſty's giving his royal Aſſent to ſuch Acts as in their Nature may require frequent Alterations and Amendments.

Reſolved That an Addreſs be preſented to the Governor to deſire his Countenance and Aſſiſtance in procuring a Redreſs of the Grievances this Colony labours under by the Repeal of the ſaid Acts of Aſſembly.

The Book of Claims was read and agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes therewith

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had agreed to the Reſolution of the Committee appointed by the Council and their Houſe for drawing up a Repreſentation to his Majeſty and that they have appointed Six of their Members to meet ſuch of the Members of the Council as they ſhall think fit to appoint to join in drawing the ſame.

Order'd That the Clerk go down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the Reſolution of the joint Committee that a Repreſentation be made to his Majeſty, and have appointed their Members who were of the Committee to join with the Members appointed by them in drawing the ſame.

The Bill intituled *An Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves &c*

Was read a ſecond Time.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read immediately a third Time.

The ſaid Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill without any Amendment—

Reſolved That an Addreſs be preſented to his Honour the Governor agreeably to the Reſolution of the joint Committee and that the Members of the Committee be appointed to draw it.

The ſaid Members withdrew for that Purpoſe.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act declaring the Proceſs and Proceedings of the General Court between the Commencement and Repealing of the Act intituled* An Act for eſtabliſhing the General Court and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein *to be good and valid*

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Weſt* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Truro *in the County of* Fairfax *to*

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ſell their Glebe and to pay Part of the Purchaſe Money to the Veſtry of the Pariſh of Cameron.

Which Bill was read the firſt Time.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

John Blair Eſq^r from the Committee appointed to draw an Addreſs to the Governor reported that they had prepared the ſame accordingly.

Which being read and agreed to.

Order'd That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed.

The Bill intituled *An Act declaring the Proceſs and Proceedings of the General Court between the Commencement and Repealing of the Act intituled* An Act for eſtabliſhing the General Court and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein *to be good and valid.* Was read the firſt Time.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be immediately read a ſecond Time.

Read accordingly a ſecond Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be immediately read a third Time—

The ſaid Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act to explain the Charter and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of* Norfolk *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*—

Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Fairfax* that they had agreed to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of* Frederick *Pariſh in* Frederick *County.*

Preſent The Governor

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber with ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent.

The Burgeſſes accordingly attending the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the Bill intituled *An Act declaring the Proceſs and Proceedings of the General Court between the Commencement and Repealing of the Act intituled* An Act for eſtabliſhing the General Court and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein *to be good and valid.*

Then the Burgeſſes withdrew.

Adjourn'd till 10. o'Clock Tomorrow.

Friday April 10th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Bill intituled *An Act to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Truro *in the County of* Fairfax *to ſell their Glebe &c* Was read a ſecond Time.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time immediately—

Read accordingly a third Time.

Reſolved

That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill without any Amendment.

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till 10. o'Clock To-morrow.

Saturday

Saturday April 11th

Prefent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelfon* Efq^s, *William Dawfon* D. D., *John Lewis, Thomas Nelfon, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin & Philip Ludwell* Efq^rs

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Charles Carter* and others that they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act for eftablifhing a Town more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony than the City of* Williamfburg, *and for eftablifhing the publick Buildings therein*, to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Bland* that they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act to confirm the Title of Lands purchafed of the* Nottoway *Indians and for other Purpofes therein mentioned*—

Which Bill was read the firft Time—

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a fecond Time.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Benjamin Waller* that they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act to oblige Profecutors of Offences not capital to pay the Cofts of the Profecution where the Defendants fhall be acquitted.*

Which Bill was read the firft Time—

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a fecond Time immediately

Read accordingly a fecond Time—And fome Amendments being propofed and agreed to and made at the Table—

Order'd That the faid Bill with the Amendments be read a third Time.

The faid Bill with the Amendments was read a third Time

Refolved That the faid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill with Amendments and defire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they infift on the Amendment made by them to the Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for continuing and amending the Act intituled* An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco &c and defire the Council will recede from their Difagreement and pafs the Bill with the Amendment.

The Houfe immediately took the faid Amendment into Confideration, and on the Queftion put, receded from their Difagreement to the faid Amendment.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes therewith.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Carter Burwell* that they agreed to the Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for encouraging Perfons to fettle on the Waters of* Miffifippi.

The Bill intituled *An Act for eftablifhing a Town more conveninent to the Inhabitants of this Colony than the City of* Williamfburg *and for eftablifhing the publick Buildings therein.*

Was read a firft Time—

And the Queftion being put that the faid Bill be read a fecond Time, *it paffed in the Negative*—

Refolved That the faid Bill be Rejected.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Power* that they had paffed a bill intituled *An Act for eftablifhing the Town of* Portfmouth *in the County of* Norfolk *and to prevent the Building of Wooden Chimnies therein*, to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

The Comiffary brought in a Bill intituled *An Act for allowing his Majefty's Protestant Subjects diffenting from the Church of* England *the Exercife of their Religion*—

Which Bill was read the firft Time—

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a fecond Time.

Then the Houfe Adjourn'd till *Monday* 10. o'Clock.

Monday

Monday April 13th

Prefent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelfon* Efq^s, *William Dawfon* D. D., *Thomas Nelfon & Richard Corbin* Efq^s

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Pendleton* that they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act to amend the Act intituled* An Act for eftablifhing a Town near *Roy*'s Warehoufe in the County of *Caroline* and for other Purpofes therein mentioned.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Read* that they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of* Lunenburg *and the Parifh of* Cumberland.

The Bill intituled *An Act for eftablifhing the Town of* Portfmouth *in the County of* Norfolk *and to prevent the building of Wooden Chimnies therein*—Was read the firft Time—

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a fecond Time.

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by Mr *Lomax* that they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act for regulating the Size and Dimenfions of Staves Headings and Shingles intended for Exportation to* Madeira *and the* Weft Indies, to which they defire the Concurrence of the Council.

Adjourn'd till 10 o'Clock Tomorrow

Tuefday April 14th

Prefent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelfon* Efq^s, *William Dawfon* D. D., *John Lewis, Thomas Nelfon, Richard Corbin & Philip Ludwell* Efq^s

The Bill intitled *An Act to amend the Act intitled* An Act for eftablifhing a Town near *Roy*'s Warehoufe in the County of *Caroline* and for other Purpofes therein mentioned Was read the firft Time,

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a fecond Time.

The Bill intitled *An Act for regulating the Size and Dimenfions of Staves Headings and Shingles &c* Was read the firft Time—

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a fecond Time—

Read a fecond Time—

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a third Time—

Read a third Time—

Refolved That the faid Bill be agreed to.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Spotfwood* that they had paffed a Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the Parifh of* Saint Mark *in the County of* Culpeper *and for adding Part of that Parifh to the Parifh of* Saint Thomas *and Part of the faid Parish of* Saint Thomas *to the upper Parifh in the faid County of* Culpeper.

Which Bill was read the firft Time—

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a fecond Time—

Read a fecond Time—

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a third Time—

Read a third Time—

Refolved That the faid Bill be agreed to

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Norton* that they had paffed a Bill intitled *An Act for preventing the Inportation of* Madeira *Wines in Casks under the true Gauge*—

Which Bill was read the firft Time—

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a fecond Time—

Read a fecond Time—

Order'd That the faid Bill be read a third Time

Read a third Time

Refolved That the faid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid three Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill intitled *An Act to explain the Charter and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of* Norfolk *&c* was read a ſecond Time, and an Amendment being made at the Table—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time with the Amendment—

Read accordingly a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill with the Amendment be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill with an Amendment and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Bland* that they had paſſed a Bill intitled *An Act to veſt the Right of two Acres of Land whereof* Elizabeth Exum *is ſeiſed in Fee ſimple in the Juſtices of the County of* Southampton *to the Uſe of the ſaid County*—

Alſo that they had agreed to One of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to oblige Proſecutors of Offences not capital to pay the Coſts of the Proſecution where the Defendants ſhall be acquitted* and diſagreed to the others and deſire the Council will paſs the Bill with the Amendment agreed to and recede from the Amendments diſagreed to.

The Council immediately took the ſaid Amendments into Conſideration and on the Queſtion, that the ſaid Amendments be inſiſted on, *paſſing in the Affirmative*—

Reſolved That this Houſe do inſiſt on the Amendments to the ſaid Bill diſagreed to by the Burgeſſes.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith.

The Bill intitled *An Act to veſt the Right of two Acres of Land whereof* Elizabeth Exum *is ſeiſed in Fee ſimple in the Juſtices of the County of* Southampton *to the Uſe of the ſaid County* Was read the firſt Time.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The ſaid Bill was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time—

Read a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intitled *An Act to confirm the Title of Lands purchaſed of the* Nottoway *Indians &c* was read a ſecond Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time—

Read a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid two Bills without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had paſſed a Bill intitled *An Act to impower the Juſtices of the County of* Stafford *to levy for* Nathaniel Harriſon *and* Hugh Adie *Gent. the Value of their Work and Labour in building a Court-Houſe which was burned before it was finiſhed.*

Alſo a Bill intitled *An Act to amend An Act intitled* An Act for erecting a Town at *Bray*'s Church in the County of *King George.*

The Bill intitled *An Act to impower the Juſtices of the County of* Stafford *to levy for* Nathaniel Harriſon *and* Hugh Adie *Gent. the Value of their Work &c* Was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time—

Read a ſecond Time.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be committed for Amendments

The Bill intitled *An Act to amend An Act intitled* An Act for erecting a Town at *Bray*'s Church in the County of *King George* Was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

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The Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the County of* Lunenburg *and the Parish of* Cumberland Was read the first Time—

Order'd That the said Bill be read a second Time.

Read a second Time.

Order'd That the said Bill be committed for Amendments.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Robert Burwell* that they had passed a Bill intitled *An Act for establishing the Town of* Smithfield *in the County of* Isle *of* Wight.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 10. o'Clock.

Wednesday April 15th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson Esqs, *William Dawson* D. D., *John Lewis, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin & Philip Ludwell* Esqs

The Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the County of* Lunenburg *and the Parish of* Cumberland was read the third Time with Amendments.

Resolved That the said Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

The Bill intitled *An Act to impower the Justices of the County of* Stafford *to levy for* Nathaniel Harrison *and* Hugh Adee *Gent. the Value of their Work &c* was read a third Time with Amendments—

Resolved That the said Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said two Bills with Amendments and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Conway* that they had passed a Bill intitled *An Act for making Reparation for the Tobacco lately damaged and lost in the several public Warehouses therein mentioned.*

Which Bill was read the first Time.

Order'd That the said Bill be read a second Time immediately—

Read accordingly a second Time—

Order'd That the said Bill be read a third Time—

The Bill intitled *An Act for establishing the Town of* Smithfield *in the County of* Isle *of* Wight Was read the first Time—

Order'd That the said Bill be read a second Time—

Read a second Time.

Order'd That the said Bill be committed for Amendments.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Read* that they had passed a Bill intitled *An Act for establishing the Town of* Bedford *in the County of* Chesterfield, *and to prevent Wooden Chimnies being built therein*—

Which Bill was read the first Time—

Order'd That the said Bill be read a second Time—

Read a second Time, and committed for Amendments.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Waller* that they receded from their Disagreement to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intitled *An Act to oblige Prosecutors of Offences not capital to pay the Costs of the Prosecution where the Defendants shall be acquitted.*

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Read* that they had passed a Bill intitled *An Act to allow certain Persons in the Counties of* Albemarle Lunenburg Hallifax and Fairfax *to discharge their Levies and Officers Fees in Money instead of Tobacco and for other Purposes therein mentioned*

Which Bill was read the first Time

Order'd That the said Bill be read a second Time immediately—

Read accordingly a second Time and committed for Amendments

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The Committee reported that they, in Conjunction with thoſe appointed by the Houſe of Burgeſſes had drawn up an Addreſs and Repreſentation to his Majeſty, which were read and agreed to, and are as follow—

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty

The humble Addreſs and Repreſentation of the Council and Burgeſſes of this Your Majeſty's antient Colony and Dominion of Virginia *now met in General Aſſembly, Sheweth*

That purſuant to the Conſtitution of this Colony, as eſtabliſh'd by Your Majeſty's Royal Predeceſſors, Your Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed by your Comiſſion under your Great Seal, appointing the Right Honourable *William Ann* Earl of *Albemarle* to be your Lieutenant and Governor General of this your Colony and Dominion of Virginia, "to give and grant unto him the ſaid *William Ann* Earl of *Albemarle* full Power and Authority with the Advice and Conſent of the Council, from Time to Time as Need ſhall require, to ſummon and call General Aſſemblies of the Freeholders and Planters within this ſaid Government, according to the Uſage of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, and to declare your Royal Will and Pleaſure that the Perſons thereupon duly elected by the major Part of the Freeholders of the reſpective Counties and Places, and ſo returned, ſhall before their Sitting take the Oaths mentioned in the Act intituled *An Act for the further Security of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government and the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princeſs* Sophia, *being Proteſtants, and for extinguiſhing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of* Wales *and his open and ſecret Abettors, as alſo make and ſubſcribe the Declaration.*" "And alſo to give Power and Authority to the ſaid *William* Earl of *Albemarle* with the Conſent of the Council & Aſſembly, or the major Part of them reſpectively, to make conſtitute and ordain Statutes and Ordinances for the public Peace Welfare and good Government of the ſaid Colony, and the People and Inhabitants thereof; and ſuch others as ſhall thereto reſort and for the Benefit of Your Majeſty, your Heirs and Succeſſors, which ſaid Laws Statutes and Ordinances are not to be repugnant to but as near as may be agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of the Kingdom of *Great Britain* Provided that all ſuch Laws Statutes and Ordinances of what Nature or Duration ſoever, be within three Months or ſooner after the making thereof tranſmitted unto Your Majeſty under your Seal of *Virginia*, for Your Majeſty's Approbation or Diſallowance of the ſame, as alſo Duplicates thereof by the next Conveyance And in caſe any or all of the ſaid Laws Statutes and Ordinances not before confirmed by Your Majeſty ſhall at any time be diſallowed and not approved and ſo ſignified by Your Majeſty Your Heirs or Succeſſors under your or their Sign Manual and Signet, or by Order of your Privy Council, unto him the ſaid *William Ann* Earl of *Albemarle*, or to the Commander-in-Chief of the ſaid Colony for the Time being, then Such and ſo many of the ſaid Laws Statutes and Ordinances as ſhall be diſallowed and not approved ſhall from thenceforth ceaſe determine and become utterly void and of none Effect."

And whereas the Lieutenant Governor Council and Burgeſſes of this Your Majeſty's Colony taking into Conſideration that many of the Laws and Statutes had of late Years been either intirely or in Part repealed and others of them expired, altered, amended, or explained, from whence great Miſtakes and Inconveniences had ariſen, for preventing whereof for the future a Committee of the Council and Aſſembly of this Colony was appointed to reviſe, alter, or amend all or any of the ſaid Laws and Statutes, and reduce the ſame into Bills to be reported to the next Meeting of the General Aſſembly Which Service was perform'd by Virtue of the Power ſo given to the ſaid Committee.

That the ſaid Laws ſo reviſed alter'd or amended, or ſo many of them as were approved and enacted by the Lieutenant Governor Council and Burgeſſes, were, purſuant to Your Majeſty's Inſtructions and Royal Comand to your Governor, transmitted for Your Majeſty's Approbation or Diſallowance of the ſame. Ten of which Laws Your Majeſty was pleaſed, by Your Order in Your Privy Council under Your Sign Manual bearing Date at *St James's October* 31. 1751. to repeal and declare void and of none Effect.

And

And Whereas Your Majeſty has been pleaſed by your Royal Inſtruction to your Governor or Commander in Chief to direct that "no Law ſhall be reenacted in this Colony to which the Aſſent of Your Majeſty or Your Royal Predeceſſors hath once been refuſed, without expreſs Leave for that Purpoſe firſt obtained, upon a full Repreſentation to your Majeſty, and to your Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, of the Reaſon and Neceſſity for paſſing ſuch Law." We therefore maturely deliberating thereon and conceiving ſome of the ſaid repealed Laws to be of great Utility and well calculated to promote the public Peace Welfare and good Government of this Colony, and not repugnant to the Laws and Statutes of *Great-Britain*, do in all Humility beg Leave, purſuant to your Majeſty's laſt mentioned Inſtruction, to repreſent to Your Majeſty the Reaſons and Neceſſity upon which they were paſſed, which Reaſons are tranſmitted with this our humble Addreſs and Repreſentation. And We intreat Your Majeſty, that, having taken the ſame into your Royal Conſideration, You will be graciouſly pleaſed to grant Your Permiſſion, that the ſame, or ſo many of the ſaid repealed Laws as to Your Majeſty in your great Wiſdom ſhall ſeem expedient, may be reenacted, and that You will give Inſtructions to your Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being accordingly.

That as We conceive according to the antient Conſtitution and Uſage of this Colony, all Laws enacted here for the public Peace Welfare and good Government thereof, and not repugnant to the Laws and Statutes of *Great Britain*, have always been taken and held to be in full Force, until Your Majeſty's Diſallowance thereof is notified here, and that the ſame may be reviſed alter'd and amended from Time to Time as our Exigencies may require But that when a Law enacted here hath once received Your Majeſty's Approbation, and hath been confirmed, finally enacted, and ratified, the ſame cannot by the Legiſlature here be reviſed altered or amended, without a Clauſe therein to ſuſpend the Execution thereof 'til Your Majeſty's Pleaſure ſhall be known therein, even tho' our Neceſſities for an immediate Reviſal Alteration or Amendment be ever ſo preſſing.

We cannot therefore but expreſs our deep Concern at Your Majeſty's having in ſuch ſolemn Manner confirmed and ratified Fifty Seven of the 'forementioned Reviſed Acts, that We apprehend We have not full Power now to reviſe alter or amend the ſame, without ſuch ſuſpending Clauſe, which if underſtood in a ſtrict Senſe will ſubject Us to great Hardſhips and Inconveniences, ſince it is not within the Reach of human Foreſight to form any Laws but what may from Experience be found to want neceſſary and ſometimes ſpeedy Amendments.

Wherefore We pray Your Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to take this our unhappy Caſe into your ſerious Conſideration and that You will ſignify to your Lieutenant Governor that it was not your Royal Intention to fix thoſe confirmed Laws ſo unalterably upon Us, but that the ſame may be altered or amended from Time to Time as the Circumſtances of this Country may require, for the public Peace Welfare and good Government thereof, and provided the ſame ſhall not be repugnant to the Laws and Statutes of *Great-Britain* Always having a due Regard not to enact any Laws to take Effect immediately that your Majeſty hath inſtructed your Governor or Commander in Chief not to paſs without a ſuſpending Clauſe 'til your Royal Aſſent may be had thereto.

Our Gratitude will not ſuffer Us to conclude this our humble Addreſs and Repreſentation without acknowledging a juſt Senſe of your Majeſty's Wiſdom in repealing certain of our reviſed Laws, which, upon our further Conſideration, occaſioned by your Majeſty's Order in Council aforeſaid, We are convinced were, by ſome Omiſſions, not fitly framed, fully to anſwer the Purpoſes, for which they were intended.

And We pray that the ſame Divine Providence which hath hitherto continued Your Majeſty a Bleſſing to all your good Subjects, may preſerve your Majeſty in the peaceable Enjoyment of your Throne to a Fullneſs of Days; when You may willingly reſign the ſame to your illuſtrious Offſpring, to whom the ſame Duty, Loyalty, and Obedience will ever be paid by your faithful People of *Virginia*.

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An Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of Suffolk *and preventing Hogs and Goats going at large therein and for altering the Times of holding Fairs in the Town of* New Caſtle.

An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town in Auguſta *County and allowing Fairs to be kept therein.*

Theſe Acts are agreeable to others paſſed in former Aſſemblies and their Preambles ſhew their Utility and Deſign. The ſmall Number of Inhabitants and the Want of Perſons properly qualify'd to conſtitute a Corporation is the Reaſon that Your Majeſty's Lieutenant Governor hath not granted theſe Towns a Charter.

To aſſeſs a Toll on the Commodities brought to theſe Fairs would fruſtrate the Intents of the Acts. Neither do the People deſire a Court of Piepowder; their monthly County Courts and the Authority allowed your Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace being ſufficient to determine their Differences. Nor would your General Aſſembly of this Colony have preſumed to enact theſe Laws without inſerting a Proviſo that Nothing therein contained ſhould derogate from, alter, or infringe Your Royal Power of granting to any Perſon or Perſons Bodies Politic or Corporate the Privilege of holding Fairs in ſuch Manner as Your Majeſty your Heirs and Succeſſors ſhould think fit; well knowing how unbecoming it would be in them to preſume to act contrary to your Majeſty's Royal Prerogative, which has ever been eſteemed equally dear, ſacred, and inviolable with their own Rights and Liberties.

An Act to prevent the Building of Wooden Chimnies in the Town of Walkerton *and alſo to prevent the Inhabitants thereof from raiſing and keeping Hogs.*

Acts of this Nature have been paſſed every Seſſion of Aſſembly of late Years to ſome of which Your Majeſty hath been graciouſly pleaſed to aſſent But what chiefly induced your Aſſembly to paſs this Act was the Preſervation of the public Warehouſes for the R eception of Tobacco in this Town from the Danger of Fire.

An Act for the better Support of the College of William *and* Mary.

By this Act the Acts [Act] of the fourth of Queen *Ann* intituled *An Act for laying an Impoſition upon Skins and Furrs for the better Support of the College of* William *and* Mary *in* Virginia And the *Act for the better Support and Encouragement of the College of* William *and* Mary *in* Virginia, made in the Eighth Year of your Majeſty's Reign (To which laſt Act Your Majeſty was pleaſed to give your Royal Aſſent) were reduced into one Act and reenacted in Subſtance with no other Alteration than the increaſing the Duty upon every Raw Hide from Three Pence to Six Pence and repealing the Act made in the Eighteenth Year of your Majeſty's Reign for amending the firſt of theſe two Acts which laid an additional Duty of Two Shillings and Six Pence on every Raw Hide and Five Shillings on every Tanned Hide exported.

The Inducement your Aſſembly had for this Alteration was to collect ſeparate Laws relating to the ſame Subject into One Act, and for the Benefit & Support of the College, the only public Seminary of Learning in this Colony, always favour'd by your Majeſty and your Royal Predeceſſor*, and encouraged by your Aſſemblies here. Raw Hides are exported from hence in greater Abundance than Tanned. The Duties impoſed by the Act of the Eighteenth Year of your Majeſty's Reign were ſo high as in Effect to amount to a Prohibition, for which Reaſon it was repealed, and theſe Duties ſubſtituted. Six Pence on a Raw Hide increaſes the College Revenue, is eaſily borne by the Commodity, and not complained of by the Trader or Exporter.

An Act to prevent the Tending of Seconds.

Experience convinced the Legiſlature that turning out and tending Seconds of Tobacco depreciated that Staple Commodity and threatened the Ruin of the Trade Whereupon several Acts of Aſſembly were made to provide againſt that Evil; particularly An Act of the fourth Year of the late Queen *Ann* For improving the Staple of Tobacco and for regulating the Size and Tare of Tobacco Hogſheads, which has the Sanction of her Royal Aſſent Another made in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King *George* the Firſt of bleſſed Memory For the more effectual preventing the

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Tending of Seconds. Another of the third and fourth Years of Your Majeſty's Reign For repealing the Act for the better and more effectual improving the Staple of Tobacco and for the better Execution of the Laws now in Force againſt Tending Seconds and for the further Prevention thereof And another of the Tenth of your Majeſty's Reign to prevent cuting up Tobacco Suckers. Upon the Reviſal of their Laws your Aſſembly reduced ſuch Clauſes of theſe Acts (except the firſt) into One Act with an Amendment That if any Plants ſhould be deſtroy'd by Tempeſt or otherwiſe when growing and thrown away without being cured or houſed, any Perſon might raiſe and tend Seconds or Slips upon the ſame Stalks without incurring a Penalty which they humbly conceive to be conformable to the Spirit of the former Laws, and founded on Reaſon and Juſtice. For tho' the Policy of theſe Laws is to prevent the utter Loſs of the Tobacco Trade by overſtocking the Markets with bad Tobacco, it does not intend to ruin the Planter whoſe whole Support depends on his Crop frequently expoſed to Tempeſts, and there is no Danger of making two Crops from the ſame Plant, where what they call Firſts have been deſtroyed. If this Act was repealed upon an Opinion that the preventing the tending and making Tobacco from Slips or Suckers will ſo much leſſen the Quantity of Tobacco imported into *Great Britain* as to diminiſh your Majeſty's Revenue ariſing from that Commodity We beg Leave to obſerve that from a Law of the like Nature which hath been in Force more than forty Years no ſuch Effect hath been produced; but during that Time We have always made as much Tobacco as *Great Britain* and all its various Branches of Foreign Trade could find Markets for. And to encourage the making greater Quantities than can be ſold will immediately ruin the Planter, and in Conſequence the Trade too.

An Act for Eſtabliſhing the General Court and for Regulating and Settling the Proceedings therein.

This Act contained little more than a Collection of former Acts relating to this Court and the Rules of Practice. It alter'd the Returns of ſome of the Proceſs for the Eaſe of the Court, the Benefit of the Suitors, and the Convenience of the Attornies; limited Appeals from the inferior Courts to Ten Pounds, inſtead of Five Pounds. Which Limitation is alſo in the Act for eſtabliſhing the County Courts and for regulating and Settling the Proceedings therein, confirmed by Your Majeſty. And alſo limited Original Proceſs to Twenty Pounds Current Money or Four Thouſand Pounds of Tobacco, inſtead of Ten Pounds *Sterling* or Two Thouſand Pounds of Tobacco, with a View to keep up the Dignity of the Court, to prevent in ſome Meaſure the too great Increaſe of Buſineſs, and to hinder litigious Perſons from harraſing their Debtors in this Court for ſmall Debts, where the Delays occaſioned by the Multiplicity of Cauſes, the Coſts and Attendance of the Parties, are more burthenſome than in the inferior Courts, which have competent Juriſdiction of ſuch Suits. The good Effects of this Law began to appear during its ſhort Continuance.

An Act declaring Slaves to be perſonal Eſtate, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Slaves are in their Nature perſonal Eſtate, and not real, and ſo continued in this Colony til the fourth of Queen *Ann*, when the Legiſlature declared them real Eſtate; but with ſo many Proviſoes and Exceptions that they remained perſonal Eſtate in many Inſtances. They might be ſold, ſued for, and taken in Execution as Chattels, and were not to Eſcheat; they remained as perſonal Aſſets in the Hands of the Adminiſtrator, and yet deſcended to the Heir at Law as real Eſtate. He was anſwerable for a proportionable Part of their appraiſed Value to his Younger Brothers and Siſters; except of those who were alloted to the Widow for her Dower, which he took wholly to himſelf upon her Death.

In the firſt Year of your Majeſty's Reign Another Act was made to explain and amend the former And by that Wives Slaves were veſted in their Huſbands; they were only to be given or bequeathed as Chattels, and no Remainder of them was to be limited otherwiſe than as a Chattel Perſonal by the Rules of the Common Law. An Infant of the Age of Eighteen Years might deviſe them away, but they were not to be forfeited, except

except in Caſes where Lands and Tenements are forfeited; and the Value of the Slaves of Mothers dying Inteſtate, other than her Dower Slaves, was made diſtributable, as in the Caſe of a Father. It alſo allowed and ſettled a Method for annexing Slaves to Lands in Tail, and declared that ſuch Slaves and their Increaſe ſhould paſs and deſcend with the Land as Part of the Freehold. But provided that ſuch Slaves might be taken in Execution, and ſold for the Debts of the Tenant in Tail for the Time being, and ſuch Sale ſhould barr the Intail. This laſt Act being in the firſt Part explanatory, was productive of many Suits; it was thought to look back to the firſt Law made Twenty Two Years before, deſtroy'd old Titles, and created new, and was attended with ſuch Doubts, Variety of Opinions, and Confuſion, that new Points are even yet ſtarted, and undetermin'd. To remedy which it was thought beſt to reduce them to their natural Condition, ſo that they might not at the ſame Time be real Eſtate in ſome Reſpects, perſonal in others, and both in others; and as the Younger Children were intitled to a proportionable Part of the Value of the Slaves deſcended from a Father or Mother they might alſo ſhare with their elder Brother when their Collateral Relations died inteſtate, which they could not do before— Nor did your Aſſembly think it beneficial or convenient to continue the Method of intailing Negros any longer. They ſaw that Slaves could not be kept on the Lands to which they were annexed without manifeſt Prejudice to the Tenant in Tail. Becauſe in Time they overſtocked the Plantations, and often the Tenant was the Proprietor of Fee Simple Lands much fitter for Cultivation than his intailed Lands, where he could work his Slaves to a greater Advantage. But on the other hand the frequent removing and ſettling them on other Lands in other Counties and Parts of the Colony, far diſtant from the County Court, where the Deeds or Wills which annexed them were recorded, and the intail Lands lay; the Confuſion occaſioned by their Mixture with Fee Simple Slaves of the ſame Name and Sex, and belonging to the ſame Owner; the Uncertainty of diſtinguiſhing One from Another after ſeveral Generations, No Regiſter of their Genealogy being kept, and none of them having Surnames, were great Miſchiefs to Purchaſers, [Strangers, and Creditors, who were often unavoidably deceived in their Purchaſes,] and hinder'd in the Recovery of their juſt Debts. It alſo leſſen'd the Credit of the Country; it being dangerous for the Merchants of *Great Britain* to truſt Poſſeſſors of many Slaves, for Fear the Slaves might be intailed. And ſhould Credit be deſtroyed in a trading Country, as ours may be properly called, the Conſequence might be fatal. *Virginia* Eſtates are attended with a certain large and yearly Expence in furniſhing theſe Slaves with Cloathing, Food, and Tools, paying their public Poll Taxes, and the Quit-Rents of the Land. The Profits ariſing from the Crops of Tobacco, and Indian Corn, are precarious, and often deſtroyed by Guſts, Droughts, and other Caſualties. But in ſuch Caſes if the Maſter cannot be truſted for Neceſſaries, till he makes another Crop, himſelf, Family, Slaves, and Stocks, muſt be in miſerable and ſtarving Circumſtances.

Beſides the Clauſe for ſubjecting intailed Slaves to be taken in Execution for the Debts of the Tenant in Tail for the Time being, in Effect annuls the former proviſion; becauſe an unthrifty or deſigning Tenant by running in Debt, or borrowing Money, and then confeſſing Judgment, and getting his Creditors to ſue out Executions againſt the intailed Slaves, might defeat their Settlement. And ſince Your Majeſty was pleaſed in the Eighth Year of your Reign to confirm an Act ſettling a Manner for docking the Intail of Lands not exceeding the Value of Two Hundred Pounds *Sterling*, by your Writ in the Nature of an *Ad quod Damnum*, it is doubted whether when the Intail of ſuch Parcels of Land is barred, the Intail of the Slaves annexed thereto does not determine, and the Tenant gain an abſolute Property in them As there is no Notice to be taken of them in defeating the Eſtate Tail in the Land Wherefore your Aſſembly were deſirous of repealing theſe Acts, but that they might avoid the miſchief ſo juſtly complained of in the laſt Act, they inſerted a Clauſe to ſave and make good all Rights accrued under theſe Laws.

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An Act for the Diſtribution of Inteſtates Eſtates.

The Relation this Act bears to the laſt concerning Slaves, We humbly imagine cauſed its Repeal as uſeleſs, becauſe it varies ſo little from the old Law for the Diſtribution of Inteſtates Eſtates, and declaring Widows Rights to their deceaſed Huſbands Eſtates, that it was not worth enacting, had not ſome Clauſes of the old Act been thrown more properly into other Laws, and Clauſes from other Laws with greater Propriety taken into this But the chief End was to give the Heir of an Inteſtate to whom the Lands deſcended an Opportunity of keeping the Slaves at their appraiſed Value as it would be advantageous to him in tilling his Lands but not ſo valuable as Money to the Younger Children who had no Lands, and to oblige the Heir to pay them their Parts of the Value of the Widows Slaves when they ſhould come to him. It was alſo neceſſary to inſert a Clauſe to keep Widows to their old Allowance of only an Eſtate for Life in a third Part of the Inteſtates Slaves, to prevent the Ruin which would otherwiſe ſoon happen to ſome of the beſt Eſtates here, by Widows marrying ſecond Huſbands, and carrying with them a Property in ſo many of their firſt Huſband's Slaves. But we will not trouble Your Majeſty with more Reaſons for this Act, ſince it is of little Uſe without the other.

Theſe, *Sir*, are ſome of the principal Reaſons which We apprehend prevailed with the late Aſſembly to paſs theſe Laws, and which We moſt humbly ſubmit to Your Royal Conſideration.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney* that they have agreed to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill intitled *An Act to explain the Charter and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of* Norfolk.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Moore* that they diſagree to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill intitled *An Act to amend* An Act for clearing Rivers and Creeks.

The Council immediately took their Amendments to the ſaid Bill into Conſideration, and on the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Amendments be adhered to, *it paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved That this Houſe do adhere to their Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith and deſire them to recede from their Diſagreement and paſs the Bill with the Amendments.

The Bill intitled *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Portſmouth *in the County of* Norfolk *&c* Was read a ſecond Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be committed for Amendments.

Then the Houſe Adjour'd till Tomorrow 10. o'Clock.

Thurſday April 16th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Bill intitled *An Act for making Reparation for the Tobacco lately damaged and loſt in the ſeveral public Warehouſes therein mentioned*—Was read a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intitled *An Act to amend the Act intitled* An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town near *Roy*'s Warehouſe in the County of *Caroline &c* Was read a ſecond Time.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time immediately—Read a third Time.

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intitled *An Act to amend An Act intitled* An Act for erecting a Town at *Bray*'s *Church* in the County of *King George* Was read a Second Time,

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time immediately—

Read accordingly a third Time.

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have Agreed to the ſaid three Bills without any Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Clayborne* that they had paſſed a Bill intitled *An Act to dock the Intail of Two Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land in the Pariſh of* Weſtover *in the County of* Charles City *whereof* Rebecca *Wife of* William Clinch *lately died ſeiſed in Fee tail and for veſting the ſame in certain Truſtees in Fee Simple and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time.

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Preſent The Governor

William Fairfax Eſqr on Behalf of the Council deliver'd the following Addreſs to the Governor,

To the Honourable Robert Dinwiddie *Eſqr his Majeſty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of* Virginia,

The humble Addreſs of the Council,

Sir,

We his Majeſty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council of *Virginia* now met in General Aſſembly, beg Leave to inform Your Honour, that upon Conſideration of his Majeſty's Order in Council, communicated by your Honour to this Houſe and the Burgeſſes, wherein his Majeſty has been pleaſed to give his Royal Aſſent to ſome Acts of the General Aſſembly of this Colony, paſſed in the Year 1748 and 1749 and to repeal certain other Acts paſſed at the ſame Times, this Houſe did appoint a Committee to deliberate thereon, who jointly with a Committee of the Houſe of Burgeſſes have come to a Reſolution which is agreed to by this Houſe, that a Repreſentation be made to his Majeſty ſetting forth the unhappy Circumſtances of this Colony, occaſioned by the Proclamation for repealing ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly therein mention'd, and humbly to lay before him the Inconveniences and Hardſhips We may ſuffer by Reaſon of his Majeſty's giving his Royal Aſſent to ſuch Acts as in their Nature may require frequent Alterations and Amendments— We therefore now wait upon your Honour to intreat You to afford Us your Countenance and Aſſiſtance in procuring a Redreſs of the Grievances this Colony labours under by the Repeal of the ſaid Acts of Aſſembly, and by his Majeſty's giving his Royal Aſſent to ſuch Acts as in their Nature may require frequent Alterations and Amendments. And We cannot but flatter Ourſelves with the Hopes of Succeſs in this Addreſs to your Honour, when We reflect on the Inſtances you have already given of your Regard for the Intereſt of the Country, and your Zeal expreſſed on all occaſions to promote its Welfare & Proſperity.

To which his Honour anſwer'd, they might rely on his doing every Thing in his Power to ſerve the Country, and forward their Addreſs.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Governor is now ready in the Council Chamber to receive their Addreſs.

The Burgeſſes accordingly attending the Speaker deliver'd their Addreſs as follows *viz*:

Sir,

We his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Burgeſſes . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 89.]

To which the Governor anſwer'd, he chearfully accepted of that important Truſt, and ſhould endeavour to have their Addreſs and Repreſentation preſented, and introduced to his Majeſty in a proper Manner.

Then the Burgeſſes withdrew

Abſent The Governor

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney* that they had paſſed a Bill intitled *An Act for enlarging the Church in the City of* Williamſburg *and purchaſing an Organ to be placed therein*—Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time—

Read a ſecond Time

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time—

Read a third Time

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Bland* that they had paſſed a Bill intitled *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time—

Read a ſecond Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time immediately—

Read accordingly a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid two Bills without any Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Moore* that they had paſſed a Bill intitled *An Act for docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* King William *and veſting the ſame in* William Dandridge *in Fee ſimple and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the ſame Uſes*

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council deſire an immediate Conference with them on the Subject of the Addreſs and Repreſentation to his Majeſty.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they agree to the Conference deſired by the Council.

The Managers withdrew, and being return'd,

John Blair, Eſqr reported that they had met the Managers for the Burgeſſes and acquainted them that the Council had agreed to the Addreſs and Repreſentation to his Majeſty, and delivered them for them to report to their Houſe.

Order'd That the Clerk carry the following Meſſage to the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

Mr Speaker

The Council have reſolved . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 91.]

The Bill intitled *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Portſmouth *in the County of* Norfolk *and to prevent the building of Wooden Chimnies therein* was read a ſecond Time,

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time

The ſaid Bill was read a third Time,

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intitled *An Act to allow certain Perſons in the Counties of* Albemarle, Lunenburg, Halliſax, and Fairfax *to diſcharge their Levies and Officers Fees in Money &c* Was read a third Time with Amendments,

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the firſt of the ſaid Bills without any Amendment, and to the laſt with Amendments, and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they agreed to join with the Council in the Addreſs of Condolence to his Majeſty, and had appointed Six of their Members to join with any Number of this Houſe for drawing the ſame.

Order'd That *John Blair*, *Richard Corbin*, and *Philip Ludwell*, Eſqrs be of the ſaid Committee.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have appointed three of their Members to join the Members appointed by them for drawing the ſaid Addreſs, and that they are now ready to meet in the Conference Chamber.

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 10 o'Clock.

Friday

Friday April 17th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Read* that they paſſed a Bill intitled *An Act for declaring the Proceſs and Proceedings of the County Courts of* Luneburg Brunſwick Fairfax Frederick Albemarle *and* Auguſta *between the Commencement and Expiration or Suſpenſion of the Act intitled* An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of *Brunſwick Fairfax Frederick Albemarle* and *Auguſta* to be good and valid.

Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time—

Read a ſecond Time, and an Amendment being made at the Table,

Order'd That the ſaid Bill as amended be read a third Time

Read accordingly a third Time with the Amendment—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill with the Amendment be agreed to.

The Bill intitled *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Smithfield *in the County of* Iſle *of* Wight Was read a third Time with Amendments

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Waller* that they had paſſed the Book of Proportions—Which was read and agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid two Bills with Amendments, and deſire their Concurrence thereto, and alſo to the Book of Proportions.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter Burwell* that they had paſſed a Bill intitled *An Act to prevent malicious maiming and wounding*—

Which Bill was read the firſt Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time—

Read a ſecond Time—

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be committed for Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Madiſon* that they diſagree to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill intitled *An Act to allow certain Perſons in the Counties of* Albemarle, Lunenburg, Halifax, *and* Fairfax *to diſcharge their Levies and Officers Fees in Money &c* which being conſider'd, were on the Queſtion put inſiſted on.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council inſiſt upon their Amendments to the ſaid Bill, and deſire them to recede from their Diſagreement, and paſs the Bill with the Amendments.

The Bill intitled *An Act to dock the Intail of Two Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land in the Pariſh of* Weſtover *in the County of* Charles City *whereof* Rebecca *Wife of* William Clinch *lately died ſeiſed &c* Was read a ſecond Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council,

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time immediately,

Read accordingly a third Time,

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Whiting* that they had paſſed a Bill intitled *An Act for appointing a Treaſurer.*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time

Read a ſecond Time

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time

Read a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Landon Carter* that they had paſſed a Bill intitled *An Act to amend An Act intitled* An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors—

Which Bill was read the firſt Time

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time—

Read a ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion put that the ſaid Bill be read a third Time, *it paſſed in the Negative.*

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

The Bill intitled *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Bedford *in the County of* Cheſterfield *and to prevent Wooden Chimnies being built therein,* was read a third Time with Amendments

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

The Bill intitled *An Act for docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* King William *and veſting the ſame in* William Dandridge *in Fee ſimple and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the ſame Uſes—*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time—

Read a ſecond Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time immediately

Read accordingly a third Time—

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the firſt of the two laſt mention'd Bills with Amendments and deſire their Concurrence, and to the laſt without any Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Read* that they have agreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill intitled *An Act for dividing the County of* Lunenburg *and the Pariſh of* Cumberland.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they diſagree to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill intitled *An Act for appointing several New Ferries and diſcontinuing certain others—*

Which Amendments being immediately taken into Conſideration, were on the Queſtion put adhered to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council adhere to their Amendments to the ſaid Bill, and deſire them to recede from their Diſagreement, and paſs the Bill with the Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Landon Carter* that they agree to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intitled *An Act to impower the Juſtices of the County of* Stafford *to levy for* Nathaniel Harriſon and Hugh Adie, *Gent. the Value of their Work and Labour in building a Court Houſe, which was burned before it was finiſhed.*

Then the Houſe Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 10. o'Clock.

Saturday April 18th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Bill intitled *An Act to prevent malicious maiming and wounding* Was Read a third Time with Amendments

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to with the Amendments.

A Meſſages from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Power* that they had paſſed a Bill intitled *An Act for docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* James City *and veſting the ſame in* Thomas Chamberlayne *Gent. in Fee ſimple and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*

Which Bill was read the firſt Time.

Order'd

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time

Read a ſecond Time, and the Allegations being proved,

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time

Read a third Time

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the firſt of the ſaid Bills with Amendments, and deſire their Concurrence, and to the laſt without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Gabriel Jones* that they adhere to their Disagreement to the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill intitled *An Act to allow certain Perſons in the Counties of* Albemarle *&c to diſcharge their Levies and Officers Fees in Money &c*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Read* that they agree to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intitled *An Act for declaring the Proceſs and Proceedings of the County Courts of* Lunenburg *&c between the Commencement and Expiration, or Suſpenſion of the Act intitled* An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts &c *to be good and valid.*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they agree to the Addreſs and Repreſentation to his Majeſty with the Reaſons of the Council and Burgeſſes upon certain Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned, and have ſent them to be ſigned by the Preſident, and deſire they may be return'd to their Houſe for the Speaker to ſign them.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Read* that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intitled *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Bedford *&c*

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Carter Burwell* that they have agreed to the Amendments of the Council to the Bill intitled *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Smithfield *in the County of* Iſle *of* Wight.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had paſſed the Treasurers Accounts, and ſent them up for the Approbation of the Council.

Order'd That the ſaid Accounts be referr'd to *John Blair* and *William Nelſon* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *William Waller* that they have paſſed a Bill intitled *An Act for laying a publick Levy and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, to which they deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the firſt Time

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time

Read a ſecond Time

Order'd That the ſaid Bill be read a third Time

Read a third Time

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be agreed to

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill without any Amendment.

William Fairfax Eſqr having ſigned the Addreſs and Repreſentation to his Majeſty in behalf of the Council,

Order'd That the Clerk carry them down to the Houſe of Burgeſſes for the Speaker to ſign them.

John Blair Eſqr from the joint Committee appointed to draw an Addreſs of Condolence to his Majeſty reported that they had prepared the ſame accordingly—

Which was read and agreed to, and is as follows

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty

The humble Addreſs of the Council and Burgeſſes of Virginia—

We your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council and Burgeſſes of this your antient Colony of *Virginia*, humbly beg Leave, with the warmeſt Sentiments of Gratitude for the Bleſſings We enjoy under your auſpicious Reign, to embrace this firſt Opportunity of our Meeting in General Aſſembly, to expreſs our ſincere Concern for the much lamented Death of his Royal Highneſs the late Prince of *Wales*—And as the

the true Intereſt of your Majeſty's Kingdoms has been evidently ſtrengthen'd by the conjugal Alliances with the Houſes of *Orange*, and *Denmark*, permit us, gracious *Sir*, in this our Tribute of Condolence, dutifully to mention thoſe other afflicting Circumſtances that have ſo lately heighten'd the Scene of Grief, the Death of the Prince of *Orange*, and of her Majeſty the Queen of *Denmark*. By ſuch great and national Miſfortunes We are neceſſarily led to the Throne of Heaven, that Fountain of all Succour, there to implore the divine Protection of your Royal Perſon and Family, and that the Crown of *Great Britain* may ever find a glorious Suceſſor in your illuſtrious Houſe.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Addreſs and deſire their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had paſſed a Reſolve That the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds be given to the Honourable *Robert Dinwiddie* Eſqr and that he be deſired to accept the ſame as a grateful Acknowledgment for his Regard to the Intereſt and Welfare of this Colony, to which they deſired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Reſolve was immediately read and agreed to.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Reſolve.

John Blair Eſqr reported that they had examined the Treaſurer's Accounts referr'd to them, and found them to be truly ſtated.

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council have paſſed the Treaſurer's Accounts.

Then the Houſe Adjourn'd to Monday Morning 10. o'Clock.

Monday, April 20th

Preſent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelſon, Eſqrs, *William Dawſon,* D. D., *Thomas Nelſon, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin & Philip Ludwell,* Eſqrs

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intitled *An Act to prevent malicious maiming and wounding*, with an Amendment, to which they deſired the Concurrence of the Council.

Alſo that they agreed to the Addreſs of Condolence to his Majeſty, and deſired after the Preſident had ſigned it, it might be return'd for the Speaker to ſign it.

Alſo that they had paſſed a Reſolve that *James Abercrombie* Eſqr be appointed Agent for preſenting the Addreſs and ſoliciting the Repreſentation to his Majeſty agreed to by the Council and Burgeſſes, and that the Sum of One Hundred Pounds *Sterling* be remitted him by the Treaſurer of this Colony for his Trouble in ſoliciting the ſame. Which Reſolve was read and agreed to.

The Council took the Amendment propoſed by the Burgeſſes to their Amendments to the Bill intitled *An Act to prevent malicious maiming and wounding into Conſideration*, and agreed to the ſame.

William Fairfax Eſqr in Behalf of the Council ſign'd the Addreſs of Condolence.

Order'd That the Clerk carry down the ſaid Addreſs to the Houſe of Burgeſſes for the Speaker to ſign it; and alſo acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the Amendment made by them to the Council's Amendments to the above mention'd Bill; and to the ſaid Reſolve

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Whiting* that he was order'd to lay the inrolled Bills before the Council for their Inſpection.

Order'd That the Clerk go down and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council are satisfy'd the Bills are truly inrolled.

Preſent The Governor

Order'd

Order'd That the Clerk go and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, with ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent.

The Burgeſſes accordingly attending the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Acts, *viz:* . . . . . [For the acts paſſed at this ſeſſion, see J. of H. of B., pp. 97-99.]

And alſo to the ſeveral Reſolves agreed to by both Houſes.

The Speaker then preſented to his Honour an humble Addreſs and Repreſentation to his Majeſty agreed on by joint Committee of the Council and Burgeſſes in Relation to the Repeal of ſundry Acts of Aſſembly paſſed in 1748, and ſolicited his Favour in having them tranſmitted, and properly preſented; which the Governor was pleaſed to promiſe, and then made the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

I return You Thanks for your Care . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 99.]

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ſummoned to be held at the College in the City of *Williamſburgh* on *Thurſday* the Twenty ſeventh Day of *February* in the Twenty fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the ſecond by the Grace of God of *Great Britain France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the Faith and ſo forth, and in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand ſeven Hundred and fifty two; And from thence continued by ſeveral Prorogations to *Thurſday* the firſt Day of *November* in the Twenty ſeventh Year of his Majeſty's Reign And in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand ſeven Hundred and fifty three, and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamſburgh* being the Second Seſſion of this Preſent General Aſſembly.

[From a very early copy in the Virginia State Library.]

At a General Aſſembly ſummoned to be held at the College in the City of *Williamſburgh* on *Thurſday* the Twenty ſeventh Day of *February* in the Twenty fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the ſecond by the Grace of God of *Great Britain France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the Faith and ſo forth, and in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand ſeven Hundred and fifty two; And from thence continued by ſeveral Prorogations to *Thurſday* the firſt Day of *November* in the Twenty ſeventh Year of his Majeſty's Reign And in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand ſeven Hundred and fifty three, and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamſburgh* being the Second Seſſion of this Preſent General Aſſembly.

Thurſday, November 1ſt 1753

Preſent

THE Governor, *William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelſon, John Lewis, Thomas Nelſon, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell*, Eſqrs & *Thomas Dawſon*, Clerk

Ordered That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeſſes accordingly attending, the Governor was pleaſed to make the following Speech, to wit,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker *and Gentn of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*

It is with great Pleaſure . . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1752-68, p. 103.]

Then the Burgeſſes withdrew.

Abſent The Governor

Ordered That the Governors Speech be read which was read Accordingly.

Reſolved That an humble Addreſs be prepared to return the Governor the hearty Thanks of this Houſe for his Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion, and the ſame was refered to *John Blair, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell*, Eſqrs and *Thomas Dawſon* Clerk.

Then the Houſe Adjourned til tomorrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Friday November 2d

Preſent

AS YESTERDAY

John Blair Eſqr from the Committee appointed to draw an Adreſs to the Governor, reported that they had drawn the ſame Accordingly, and is as follows, to wit,

Sir,

We his Majeſty's moſt faithful and loyal Subjects, the Council of *Virginia*, now met in General Aſſembly, beg Leave to return your Honour our ſincere and hearty Thanks for your Affectionate Speech, at the Opening of this Seſſion.

We

We are truly ſenſible, *Sir*, of the many Inſtances of your Aſſiduous Attention to his Majeſty's Service, and the Intereſt of this Colony, during the Time you have Preſided over us; And we aſſure your Honour, that the freſh proofs his Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to give us of his paternal Affection and Regard, will not fail to have a proper Influence on our Minds.

Our own Knowledge of the Neceſſity of maintaining a ſtrict Friendſhip with the Indians, eſpecially in this Conjuncture, and of a mutual Aſſiſtance to defeat the Deſign of our Enemies, ſtrengthen'd by the Recommendation of ſuch a Conduct, to us by his Majeſty, indiſpenſably obliges us, zealouſly to concur in all ſuch Meaſures as ſhall be judged moſt conducive to theſe ſalutary Ends and to the ſupport of his Majeſty's Rights, and the Intereſt and Security of his Subjects in *America*.

And we intreat you, *Sir*, to be perſwaded, we ſhall pay a moſt chearful and exact Regard to every Article you have ſubmitted to our Conſideration and Contribute all in our Power towards Conducting and Concluding the Buſineſs of this Seſſion to the General Good of the Country, and of Conſequence to Your Honours Satisfaction.

Which being read, and with ſome Amendments made at the Table, agreed to, was ordered to be fairly Tranſcribed.

Ordered That the Gentlemen of the Committee who drew the Addreſs, wait on the Governor, to know when and where he will be pleaſed to receive the ſame.

Then the Houſe adjourned til to-morrow 12 o'Clock

Saturday November 3d.

Preſent

AS BEFORE

John Blair, Eſqr from the Committee appointed to wait on the Governor, reported that they had Accordingly Waited on his Honour, who was pleaſed to ſay, he would be in the Council Chamber at twelve of the Clock to Receive the Addreſs of this Houſe.

Preſent The Governor

William Fairfax Eſq: on behalf of the Council delivered the Addreſs of this Houſe to the Governor to which he was pleaſed to give the following Anſwer.

Gentlemen of the Council.

I thank you for your kind and Affectionate Addreſs: It gives me great Pleaſure and Satisfaction that the Diſcharge of my Duty, ſince I had the Honour of preſiding over this Dominion, meets with your Approbation.

And that you ſo Chearfully Obſerve his Majeſty's tender Care and Paternal Affection for us, with your Reſolution to Attend to the Methods preſcribed for obtaining and continuing the Friendſhip of the Indians in the *Britiſh* Intereſt, and thereby with our Aſſiſtance, Defeating the Deſigns of our Enemies as alſo your juſt Opinion of the Neceſſity at this Time of having a mutual Supply.

I am very ſenſible of your ſtrict Attachment in aſſiſting me to obey the Order and Commands of his Majeſty; And at the ſame time I now acknowledge myſelf very happy, in having Gentlemen of your Probity and good ſence, appointed by his Majeſty to aſſiſt and Adviſe in the Diſcharge of the Requiſites of my Government.

Ordered That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Governor is now Ready in the Council Chamber to Receive the Addreſs of their Houſe.

The Burgeſſes accordingly Attending, the Speaker delivered the following Addreſs, to wit,

Sir,

We his Majeſty's moſt dutiful . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 106.]

To which the Governor was pleaſed to return the following Anſwer, to wit,

Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.*

I return you my Sincere Thanks . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 107.]

And then the Houſe adjourned 'til Monday Morning 12 o'Clock.

Monday

Monday, November 5th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

The Houfe met and Adjourned 'til to-morrow 11 o'Clock

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*Tuefday Nov*r 6th

Prefent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, John Lewis, Thomas Nelfon, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin* and *Philip Ludwell* Efqrs & *Thomas Dawfon* Clerk

The Houfe met & for want of Bufinefs

Adjourned 'til *Thurfday* Morning 11 o'Clock

Thurfday November 8th

Prefent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelfon, John Lewis, Thomas Nelfon, Philip Grymes, Richard Corbin* & *Philip Ludwell* Efqrs & *Thomas Dawfon* Clerk

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Francis Smith*, That they had paffed a Bill intituled "An Act to impower the Veftry of the Parifh of *Southfarnham* in the County of *Effex* to fell the Glebe Land in the faid Parifh, & to lay out and apply the Money arifing by fuch Sale, towards purchafing a more convenient Glebe and erecting Houfes thereon"

And then the Houfe adjd 'till 10 o'Clock to-morrow Morning

Friday November 9th

Prefent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelfon, John Lewis, Thomas Nelfon, Philip Grymes, Richard Corbin,* & *Philip Ludwell* Efqrs & *Thomas Dawfon* Clerk

An Act to Impower the Veftry of the Parifh of Southfarnham *in the County of* Effex *to Sell the Glebe Land in the faid Parifh and to lay out and apply the Money arifing by fuch Sale towards purchafing a more convenient Glebe and erecting Houfes thereon* was read the firft Time, and Ordered a fecond reading immediately.

Read a fecond Time. and Ordered to be Read a third Time immediately. Read a third Time

Refolved That the faid Bill be agreed to

Ordered That the Clerk go and acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill Without any Amendment.

Thomas Nelfon Efq: brought in a Bill, intituled "An Act, for reducing the feveral Laws made for eftablifhing the General Court and for regulating and fettling the proceedings therein into one Act of Affembly, which Bill was read and

Ordered to be read a fecond Time.

And then the Houfe Adjourn'd til Monday Morning 11 o'Clock.

Monday

Monday November 12th

Prefent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelfon, John Lewis, Thomas Nelfon, Philip Grymes, Richard Corbin & Philip Ludwell* Efq^rs & *Thomas Dawfon* Clerk

A Bill, intituled *An Act for reducing the feveral Laws made for eftablifhing the General Court and for Regulating and fettling the proceedings therein into one Act of Affembly,* was Read a fecond Time and

Ordered To be engroffed

And then the Houfe Adj^d 'til to-morrow morning 11 o'Clock

Tuefday November 13th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

An engroffed Bill intituled *An Act for reducing the Several Laws made for eftablifhing the General Court and for regulating and fettling the proceedings therein into one Act of Affembly,* was read the third Time

Refolved That the faid Bill do pafs.

Ordered That the Clerk go and Acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes that the Council have paffed the faid Bill and defire their Concurrence thereto.

And Then the Council Adjourned 'till to-morrow morn: 11 o'Clock.

Wednefday November 14th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

A Meffage by Mr *Benjamin Waller* that the Burgeffes had paffed a Refolve That the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds *per Annum* be Allowed to *William Hunter* Printer from the End of this prefent Seffion to the End of the next Seffion of Affembly for his Salary as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Infpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations and other Acts of Government and all other public Services.

Which was read and Agreed to

Ordered That the Clerk go and acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes that the Council have Agreed to the faid Refolve

Thomas Nelfon Efq brought in a Bill, intituled *An Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves.*

Which Bill was read the firft Time.

Ordered That the faid Bill be read a fecond Time

Read a fecond Time, and

Ordered to be engroffed

Then the Houfe Adj^d 'till to-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock

Thurfday November 15th

Prefent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelfon, John Lewis, Thomas Nelfon, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, & Philip Ludwell* Efq^rs & *Thomas Dawfon* Clerk

An engroffed Bill intituled "An Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves was read the third Time.

Refolved That the faid Bill do pafs

Ordered

Ordered That the Clerk go and Acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have paſſed the ſaid Bill and deſire their Concurrence thereto

Then the Houſe Adj^d 'till to-morrow morning 11 o'Clock

Friday November 16th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Thomas Tabb*, That they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of* Amelia, To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Which Bill was Read the firſt Time, and

Ordered a Second Reading.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Edmund Pendleton* that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for clearing* Matapony *River*, to which they deſired the Concurrence of this Houſe, Which Bill was Read the firſt Time &

Ordered that the ſaid Bill be Read a Second Time

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Auguſtine Claiborne*, That they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Guilford *in the County of* Surry *and to prevent Wooden Chimney's being built therein*,

Which Bill was read the firſt Time, and

Ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Drury Stith*, that they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the Pariſh of* St Andrew *in the County of* Brunſwick To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Which Bill was read the firſt Time and—

Ordered to be read a ſecond Time

The Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of* Amelia was Read a ſecond Time, and Ordered to be Read a Third Time immediately, Read a third Time

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be Agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the Pariſh of* St Andrew *in the County of* Brunswick was Read a Second Time, & Ordered to be Read a Third Time immediately

Read a Third Time.

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be Agreed to

Ordered That the Clerk go and Acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have Agreed to the ſaid Bills Without any Amendment.

Then the Houſe Adj^d 'till to-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock

Saturday November 17th

Preſent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelſon, John Lewis, Thomas Nelſon, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin & Philip Ludwell Eſq^rs & *Thomas Dawſon* Clerk

The Houſe met & Adjourned 'till *Tueſday* 11 o'Clock

Tueſday November 20th

Preſent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelſon, John Lewis, Thomas Nelſon, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, Eſq^rs & *Thomas Dawſon* Clerk

Two New Members returned Burgeſſes for the County of *Dinwiddie* were this Day ſworn.

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The Bill intituled *An Act for clearing* Matapony *River* was read a Second Time, and an Amendment being propoſed and agreed to at the Table.

Ordered That the Bill with the Amendment be read a third Time. Read a third Time with the Amendment.

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill with the Amendment be Agreed

Ordered That the Clerk of the General Aſſembly go down and Acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill with an Amendment, And deſire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houſe Adj^d 'till to-morrow morning 11 o'Clock

Wedneſday November 21^ſt

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Petition from the Reverend Mr *John Gordon* Miniſter of *Frederick* Pariſh for an Increaſe of his Salary was Read.

Ordered That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Burgeſſes.

The Bill intituled "An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of *Guilford* in the County of *Surry*, & to prevent Wooden Chimneys being built therein, was read a ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion being put that the ſaid bill be read a Third Time.

It paſſed in the Negative

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

Then the Houſe Adj^d 'till to-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock

Thurſday November 22^d

Preſent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelſon, Thomas Nelſon, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Eſq^re & *Thomas Dawſon* Clerk

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter*, That they had paſſed a Bill, intituled *An Act for further encouraging Perſons to ſettle on the Waters of* Miſſiſſippi, Which Bill was read the firſt Time and

Ordered to be read a ſecond Time immediately

Read a ſecond Time, and

Ordered to be read a third Time immediately

Read a third time. *Reſolved* That the ſaid Bill be Agreed to

Ordered That the Clerk go down and Acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have Agreed to the ſaid Bill without any Amendment.

A Meſſage by Mr *Pentleton*, that the Burgeſſes had Agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for Clearing* Matapony *River*.

A Meſſage by Mr *Auguſtine Claiborne* that the Burgeſſes had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of* Surry, *and adding part of the Pariſh of* Albemarle *to the Pariſh of* Southwark, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Which Bill was Read the firſt Time, and

Ordered to be Read a Second Time

A Meſſage by Mr *Beverley Whiting*, that the Burgeſſes had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for making proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*

Which Bill was read the firſt time and—

Ordered to be Read a ſecond time.

A Meſſage by Mr *Charles Carter*, that the Houſe of Burgeſſes had Agreed to the Bill intituled *An Act for reducing the Several Laws made for eſtabliſhing the General Court and for Regulating and ſettling the proceedings therein, into one Act of Aſſembly*, with ſeveral Amendments, to which they deſired the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Then the Houſe adjd till to-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock

Friday November 23d

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Bill intituled *An Act for continuing An Act intituled* An Act for making proviſion agst Invaſions and Inſurrections was read a ſecond time.

Ordered to be read a third time immediately

Read Accordingly.

Reſolved that the ſaid Bill be Agreed to

Ordered that the Clerk go down and Acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have Agreed to the ſaid Bill without any Amendment.

The Council took under Conſideration the Amendments made by the Burgeſſes to the Bill intituled *An Act for reducing the Several Laws made for eſtabliſhing the General Court and for regulating and ſettling the proceedings therein into one Act of Aſſembly*, which, on the Queſtion being put ſeverally on each, were agreed to.

Ordered that the Clerk go down and Acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

The Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of* Surry, *and adding part of the pariſh of* Albemarle *to the pariſh of* Southwark, was Read a Second Time

Ordered That the ſaid Bill be Committed for Amendments.

Then the Houſe Adjd 'till to-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock

Saturday November 24th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Houſe met, and having no Buſineſs before them

Adjd 'til *Monday* Morning 11 o'Clock

Monday, November 26th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Houſe met and Adjd till to-morrow morning 11 o'Clock

Tueſday November 27th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Meſſage by Mr *Attorney*, that the Burgeſſes had agreed to a Bill intituled *An Act for the Better Government of Servants and Slaves*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The ſaid Amendments being immediately taken under Conſideration and agreed to.

Ordered that the Clerk go and Acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes therewith.

A Petition of ſome of the Inhabitants of the lower corner of the Pariſh of *Albemarle* in the County of *Surry* praying to be added to the inner Pariſh and County in caſe of a Diviſion of the ſaid County was produced & Read, and on the Queſtion put diſagreed to.

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A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Lunsford Lomax.* That they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for continuing the Act intituled* An Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves for the Term therein mentioned, And a Bill intituled *An Act for further Continuing certain Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned* To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe

Both which were Read the firſt Time and—

Ordered to be Read a ſecond Time immediately

Read a Second time accordingly, and

Ordered to be read a third time immediately, Read a third time,

Reſolved that the ſaid Bills be agreed to

Ordered that the Clerk go down and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have Agreed to the ſaid Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of* Surry *and Adding part of the Pariſh of* Albemarle *to the Pariſh of* Southwark, was read a third time with an Amendment, and on the Queſtion put that the Bill with the Amendment be Agreed to, *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved that the ſaid Bill as Amended be Agreed to.

Ordered that the Clerk go down and Acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have Agreed to the ſaid Bill with an Amendment, To which they deſire their Concurrence. Then the Houſe

Adjourned 'till to-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock

Wedneſday November 28th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

The Houſe met and Adjd 'till to-morrow morn. 11 o'Clock

Thurſday November 29th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A new Member returned a Burgeſs for the County of *Accomack*, was this Day ſworn.

Then the Houſe adjd till to-morrow morning 11 o'Clock

Friday November 30th

Preſent

AS BEFORE

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had paſſed a Bill, intituled *An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries* to which they deſired the Concurrence of this Houſe

Which was read the firſt Time, and

Ordered that the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time.

A Meſſage by Mr *Benjamin Waller* That the Burgeſſes had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of* Surry *and adding part of the Pariſh of* Albemarle *to the pariſh of* Southwark

The Bill intituled *An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries*, was read the ſecond Time, and an Amendment being propoſed at the Table and Agreed to.

Ordered that the ſaid Bill with the Amendment be read a third Time,

Read a Third Time Accordingly.

Reſolved

Resolved That the said Bill as Amended be agreed to

Ordered That the Clerk go down and Acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have Agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House Adj^{d} 'till to-morrow morning 11 o'Clock

Saturday December 1st

Present

AS BEFORE

The House met and adj^{d} till *Monday* morning 11 o'Clock

Monday December 3^{d}

Present

AS BEFORE

Two: new Members returned Burgesses for the County of *Hallifax* were this Day sworn

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Benjamin Waller*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* Middlesex *and vesting the same in* Robert Chew *in Fee simple and for settling other Lands and Slaves of Greater Value to the same Uses.*

Which Bill was read the first Time

Ordered That the said Bill be read a second time and that the Parties attend to prove the Allegations thereof.

Then the House Adjourned till to-morrow morning 11 o'Clock

Tuesday December 4th

Present

AS BEFORE

The Bill intituled *An Act for docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* Middlesex *and vesting the same in* Robert Chew *in Fee Simple and for Settling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the same Uses* was read a Second Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council

Ordered That the said Bill be Read a Third Time

Read a Third Time. *Resolved* That the said Bill be Agreed to

Ordered That the Clerk go and Acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill without any Amendment.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Whiting* That they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for docking the Intail of a Tract of Land in the Parish of* Abington *in the County of* Gloucester *whereof* Lawrence Smith *Gent. is Seized and settling other Lands and Slaves of Greater Vallue to the same Uses.*

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Carter Burwell*, that they had passed a Resolve that the Sum of Five hundred Pounds be paid to *James Skelton* as a further Allowance for rebuilding the Capitol, but that two hundred pounds part thereof be not paid until the said Rebuilding be compleated.

Which Resolve was Read and Agreed to.

Ordered that the Clerk go down and Acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have Agreed to the said Resolve. Then the House

Adjourned 'till 11 o'Clock to-morrow Morning

Wednesday

Wednesday December 5th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell* Esqrs & *Thomas Dawson* Clerk

The Bill intituled *An Act for Docking the Intail of a Tract of Land in the Parish of* Abington *in the County of* Gloster *whereof* Lawrence Smith *Gent. is Seized & settling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the same Uses.* Read the first Time.

Ordered that the said Bill be read a second Time and that the Parties attend to prove the Allegations thereof

The Parties Attending according to Order, the said Bill was read a second Time, and the Allegations thereof being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and an Amendment proposed and Agreed to at the Table.

Ordered That the said Bill be Read a Third Time with the Amendment.

Read a third Time accordingly with the Amendment

Resolved that the said Bill with the Amendment be Agreed to

Ordered That the Clerk go down and Acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment & desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message by Mr *George Fairfax* That the Burgesses had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for adding part of the County of* Augusta *to the County of* Frederick, *and for dividing the County of* Frederick *and the part of* Augusta *to be added thereto into two Counties,* Which Bill was read a first Time

Ordered that the said Bill be Read a second Time.

Then the House adjd 'till to-morrow morning 11 o'Clock

Thursday December 6th

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Beverley Whiting* that they had Agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for docking the Intail of a Tract of Land in the Parish of* Abington *in the County of* Gloster *whereof* Lawrence Smith *Gent. is seized, and settling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the same Uses.*

Richard Corbin Esq: brought in a Bill intituled *An Act for settling certain differences therein mentioned*

Which Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a Second reading immediately

Read a Second Time accordingly

Ordered That the said Bill be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill intituled *An Act for settling certain Differences therein mentioned* was Read a third Time.

Resolved That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered That the Clerk go down and Acquaint the House of Burgesses, that the Council have passed the said Bill and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill intituled *An Act for adding part of the County of* Augusta *to the County of* Frederick, *and for dividing the County of* Frederick *and the part of* Augusta *to be added thereto into two Counties,* was read a second Time and Committed for Amendments.

Then the House adjd 'till to-morrow morning 11 o'Clock

Friday

Friday December 7th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell* Esqrs & *Thomas Dawson* Clerk

A Message by Mr *Clement Reade* that the Burgesses had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of* Lunenburgh.

Which Bill was read the first Time.

Ordered That the said Bill be read a Second Time

Read a second Time accordingly & Committed

The Bill intituled *An Act for Adding part of the County of* Augusta *to the County of* Frederick *and for dividing the County of* Frederick *and the part of* Augusta *to be added thereto into two Counties*, was Read a third Time with Amendments.

Resolved That the said Bill as Amended be Agreed to.

Ordered That the Clerk go down and Acquaint the House of Burgesses That the Council have Agreed to the said Bill with Amendments and desire there Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Charles Carter*, That they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for Amending the Act intituled* An Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco and preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

Then the House Adjd till to-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Saturday December 8th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, Philip Grymes, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell* Esqrs & *Thomas Dawson* Clerk

The Bill Intituled *An Act for dividing the County of* Lunenburgh was read the third Time with Amendments

Resolved That the said Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Ordered That the Clerk go down and acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have Agreed to the said Bill with Amendments & desire their Concurrence thereto,

The Bill intituled *An Act for Amending the Act intituled* An Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco and preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs.

Was read the first Time

Ordered that the said Bill be read a Second Time immediately. Read a second time accordingly, and

Ordered to be read a Third Time immediately

Read a Third Time.

Resolved That the said Bill be Agreed to

Ordered that the Clerk go down and acquaint the House of Burgesses therewith.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *George Fairfax* that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Gerrard Alexander *is seized, and for settling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the same uses.* Which Bill was Read the first Time.

Ordered That the said Bill be Read a Second Time. And that the parties Attend to prove the Allegations thereof.

The Parties Attending according to Order, the said Bill was read a second time, and the Allegations thereof being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council.

Ordered that the said Bill be Read a Third Time immediately. Read accordingly a Third Time.

Resolved That the said Bill be Agreed to.

Ordered That the Clerk go down and Acquaint the House of Burgesses therewith.

Then the House adjourned 'till *Monday* Morning 11 o'Clock

Monday

Monday December 10th

Prefent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelfon, Thomas Nelfon, Philip Grymes, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell* Efq^rs & *Thomas Dawfon* Clerk

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Tabb* That they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act for enabling the Juftices of the Peace of the County of* Elizabeth City, *and the Minifter and Church Wardens of the parifh of* Elizabeth City *in that County to take and hold certain Lands devifed by the Will of* Benjamin Sym *for a Free School and other charitable Ufes.*

Which Bill was read the firft time and—

Ordered to be read a fecond time

Read a fecond time and Committed for Amendments

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Carter Burwell* and others, that they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act for adding part of the County of* New Kent *to the County of* James City *and part of the Counties of* James City *and* Hanover *to the County of* New Kent, *and for altering the Court Day of the County of* Hallifax.

Which Bill was Read the firft Time and the Queftion being put that the faid Bill be read a Second Time

It paffed in the Negative.

Refolved That the faid Bill be rejected

Then the Houfe adjourned till to-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock

Tuefday December 11th

Prefent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelfon, Thomas Nelfon, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell* Efq^rs & *Thomas Dawfon* Clerk

The Houfe met and for want of Bufinefs Adjourned 'till to-morrow morning 11 o'Clock

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Wednefday December 12th

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Charles Carter*, That they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Minifters of the Parifhes of* Frederick *in the County of* Frederick & *of* Augufta *in the County of* Augufta *One hundred Pounds Annually inftead of the Salaries now allowed.* Alfo that they had prepared an Addrefs to his Majefty to grant the Lands to the weftward of the Ridge of Mountains free from Rights and Quitrents for Ten Years, and left a Blank for the Council to join with them.

The faid Bill was Read a firft Time and

Ordered to be Read a fecond time.

Read a Second Time and Committed for Amendments

The Bill intituled *An Act for enabling the Juftices of the Peace of the County of* Elizabeth City, *and the Minifter and Church Wardens of the Parifh of* Elifabeth City *in that County to take and hold certain Lands devifed by the Will of* Benjamin Sim *for a Free School and other Charitable ufes*, was read a Third Time with the Amendments.

Refolved that the faid Bill as Amended be Agreed to.

Ordered that the Clerk go down and Acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes, that the Council have Agreed to the faid Bill with Amendments & defire their Concurrence thereto.

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The Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of* Lunenburgh was Read a third Time with Amendments.

Resolved That the said Bill as Amended be Agreed to.

Ordered That the Clerk go down and Acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have Agreed to the said Bill with Amendments & desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Westwood*, that they disagree to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for enabling the Justices of the Peace of the County of* Elizabeth City, *and the Minister and Church wardens of the Parish of* Elizabeth City *in that County to take and hold certain Lands devised By the Will of* Benjamin Sym *for a Free-School and other chairtable Uses*, and desire the Council will recede from their Amendments.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Fry* that they had passed the Book of Claims to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

The Council took their Amendments to the *Act for enabling the Justices of the peace of the County of* Elizabeth City, *and the Minister and Churchwardens of the Parish of* Elizabeth City *in that County to take and hold certain Lands devised by the Will of* Benjamin Sym *for a Free-School and other charitable Uses*, disagreed to by the House of Burgesses, into Consideration and on the Question being put. *It passed in the Affirmative*,

Resolved that this House do insist on their Amendments

Ordered That the Clerk go down and Acquaint the House of Burgesses therewith, and desire them to recede from their Disagreement.

The Book of Claims was Read, and Agreed to

Ordered that the Clerk go and Acquaint the House of Burgesses therewith.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Robinson*, That they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for erecting a Town on* Occoquan *River in the County of* Fairfax

Which Bill was read a first time, and

Ordered That the said Bill be read a second time immediately.

Read a second Time immediately & an Amendment being made at the Table.

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third Time With the Amendment. Read a third time accordingly

Resolved that the said Bill with the Amendment be agreed to.

Ordered that the Clerk go down and Acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have Agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned til to-morrow morn: 11 o'Clock

Thursday December 13th

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Fairfax* That they had Agreed to some of the Amendments made by the Council to the *Act for adding part of the County of* Augusta *to the County of* Frederick, *and for dividing the County of* Frederick, *and the part of* Augusta *to be added thereto into two Counties*, and disagreed to others and made some Amendments to the Amendments of the Council—

The Council immediately took the same under Consideration, and having gone through them.

Resolved That the Amendments made by the Burgesses on their Amendments be Agreed to, and that the Amendments of the Council disagreed to by the Burgesses be receded from.

Ordered That the Clerk go down and Acquaint the House of Burgesses therewith.

The Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Ministers of the parishes of* Frederick *in the County of* Frederick, *and of* Augusta *in the County of* Augusta, *one Hundred. Pounds annually*

annually inſtead of the Salaries now allowed was read a third Time with Amendments.

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be Agreed to.

Ordered that the Clerk go down and Acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes therewith.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Waller* That they had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for eſtabliſhing an Agreement made between* Philip Johnſon *and* William Armiſtead *Gentlemen.*

A Meſſage by Mr *Charles Carter*, that the Burgeſſes had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Miniſters of the Pariſhes of* Frederick *in the County of* Frederick *and of* Auguſta *in the County of* Auguſta *One hundred pounds annually inſtead of the Salaries now allowed.*

The Bill intituled *An Act for eſtabliſhing an Agreement between* Philip Johnſon *and* William Armiſtead *Gent.* was read the firſt Time.

Ordered that the ſaid Bill be read a Second Time, and that The Parties attend to prove the Allegations thereof.

A Meſſage by Mr *Tabb* that the Burgeſſes had receded from their Diſagreement to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for enabling the Juſtices of the peace of the County of* Elizabeth City, *and the Miniſter and Churchwardens of the pariſh of* Elizabeth City *in that County, to take and hold certain Lands deviſed by the Will of* Benjamin Sym *for a free School and other Charitable Uſes.*

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Read* that they had agreed to ſome of the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of* Lunenburgh, and diſagreed to others, and made ſome Amendments to the Amendments of the Council.

The Council immediately taking the ſame under conſideration, and having gone through the ſame.

Reſolved that this Houſe doth agree to the Amendments made by the Houſe of Burgeſſes to their Amendments.

Ordered that the Clerk go down and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes therewith.

The Council having conſidered the Addreſs made by the Houſe of Burgeſſes to his Majeſty, on the Queſtion being put that this Houſe join with them

It paſſed in the Negative

Ordered That the Clerk go down and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that this Houſe cannot join with them in the ſaid Addreſs.

The Bill intituled *An Act for eſtabliſhing an Agreement made between* Philip Johnſon & William Armiſtead *Gent* was read a ſecond Time and the Allegations thereof being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council.

Ordered that the ſaid Bill be read a Third Time.

Read a Third Time.

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill be Agreed to

Ordered That the Clerk go down and Acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill

Then the Houſe Adjourned till to-morrow morning 11 o'Clock

Friday December 14th

Preſent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Eſqrs & *Thomas Dawſon* Clerk

A new member returned a Burgeſs for *Spotſylvania* County was this day ſworn

Then the Houſe adjd 'till to-morrow morning 11 o'Clock

Saturday

Saturday December 15th

Prefent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelfon, Thomas Nelfon, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell* Efqrs & *Thomas Dawfon* Clerk

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act for the Regulation of the Militia*, Which Bill was read the firft Time.

Ordered That the faid Bill be referred to the Confideration of the next Seffion of Affembly for want of Time

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney* That they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* John Armiftead *Gent. is Seized and to fettle Slaves to the fame ufes in Lieu thereof*

Which Bill was read the firft Time, and

Ordered a fecond Reading

Read a fecond time and committed for Amendments.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Read* That they had paffed A Bill intituled *An Act for allowing the Inhabitants of* Hallifax, Hampfhire *and* Bedford *to difcharge their Public Dues and Officers Fees in Money inftead of Tobacco*

Which Bill was read the firft Time, and

Ordered a fecond Reading immediately

Read a fecond Time & Ordered a Third reading immediately

Read a Third Time Accordingly.

Refolved That the faid Bill be Agreed to.

Ordered that the Clerk go and acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill without any Amendments.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Carter Burwell* and many others, That they had paffed a Refolve, That Mr *Attorney General* be Appointed Agent for this Colony, to negotiate the Affairs of the Colony in *Great Britain*, and that the fum of Two Thoufand and five hundred Pounds be paid to him, out of the Money in the Hands of the Treafurer to defray his Expences and for a reward of his Trouble And the taking fo long a Voiage.

Which Refolve, and the Queftion put that the fame be Agreed to.

It paffed in the Negative.

Refolved That the faid Refolve be rejected.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Power* that they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Veftry of the Parifh of* Blifland *in the Counties of* James City & New Kent *to fell a Plantation and two Hundred Acres of Land in the faid Parifh, and to buy Communion Plate and Ornaments for the lower Church in that Parifh with the purchafe Money.*

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *William Randolph* that they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act for continuing and Amending an Act intituled* An Act for regulating the Practice of Attorneys.

Then the Houfe Adjd till *Monday* morning 11 o'Clock

Monday December 17th

Prefent

AS BEFORE

The Bill intituled *An Act for continuing and Amending* An Act for regulating the Practice of Attorneys.

Was read a firft Time.

Ordered that the faid Bill be read a Second Time.

Read

Read a Second Time and an Amendment being propoſed and agreed to at the Table.

Ordered That the ſaid Bill be read a Third Time as Amended

Read accordingly a Third Time.

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill as Amended be Agreed to.

Ordered That the Clerk go down and Acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have Agreed to the ſaid Bill with an Amendment and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Bliſland *in the Counties of* James City & New Kent *to ſell a Plantation and two Hundred Acres of Land in the ſaid Pariſh, and to buy Communion plate & Ornaments for the lower Church in that Pariſh with the Purchaſe Money.*

was read the firſt Time.

Ordered to be read a ſecond Time immediately

Read a Second Time, and

Ordered to be read a Third Time immediately

Read accordingly a Third Time

Reſolved that the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Ordered That the Clerk go and Acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have agreed to the ſaid Bill without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Fry* that they had paſſed the Book of Proportions, To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. Which was agreed to.

Ordered That the Clerk go and Acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have Agreed to the Book of Proportions.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had paſſed the Treaſurer's Accounts.

Ordered That the ſaid Accounts be referred to *John Blair* & *Richard Corbin* Eſqrs to Examine.

The Bill intituled *An Act to Dock the Intail of Certain Lands whereof* John Armiſtead *Gent. is Seized and to ſettle Slaves to the ſame Uſes in Lieu thereof* was read a Third Time with Amendments.

Reſolved That the ſaid Bill as amended be Agreed to.

Ordered That the Clerk go and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council have Agreed to the ſaid Bill with Amendments: which they deſire their Concurrence thereto.

John Blair Eſq reported that they had examined the Treaſurer's Accounts, and found them to be truly ſtated.

Reſolved That the ſaid Accounts do paſs

Ordered That the Clerk go down and Acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes therewith.

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Attorney* that they had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* John Armiſtead *Gent. is ſeiſed, and to ſettle Slaves to the ſame Uſes in Lieu thereof.*

A Meſſage from the Houſe of Burgeſſes by Mr *Bland* that they diſagree to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, and deſire the Council to Agree to the Bill without the Amendments. The Council took the ſaid Amendments into Conſideration, and on the Queſtion put, receded from the ſame

Ordered That the Clerk go down and Acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Council recede from their ſaid Amendments.

Then the Houſe Adjd til to-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock

Tueſday

Tuesday December 18th

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgesses Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly*

Which Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered to be read a second Time immediately

Read a Second Time, and—

Ordered that the said Bill be read a Third Time immediately

Read a Third Time

Resolved That the said Bill be Agreed to

Ordered That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have Agreed to the said Bill.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Fry* that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for raising a Public Levy* to which they desired the Concurrence of this House

Which Bill was read the first Time, and

Ordered To be read a second Time

Read a second Time and

Ordered To be read a third Time

Read a third Time

Resolved That the said Bill be agreed to

Ordered That the Clerk go and Acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have Agreed to the said Bill

Then the House adjd till tomorrow Morning 11 o'Clock

Wednesday December 19th

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Bland*, That they had sent up the inrolled Bills for their Honours Inspection

Ordered that the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council are satisfied the Bills are truly inrolled.

Present The Governor

Ordered that the Clerk go and Acquaint the House of Burgesses, that the Governor Commands their immediate Attendance, and that they bring with them such Bills as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgesses accordingly attending the Governor was pleased to give his Assent to the following Acts, *Viz*t, [For the acts and resolves passed at this session, see J. of H. of B., pp. 170, 171.]

After which his Honour was pleased to dismiss the Assembly with the following Speech *Viz*t

Gentlemen of the Council Mr Speaker *and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses*—

The Season of the Year being far . . . . . [See J. of H. of B., p. 171.]

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